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Patriotic Front leaders agree to Rhodesia ceasefire

un and the Patriotic Front guerrillas concluded and possible so quickly. In the agreement, the Patriotic Front illed an agreement on a Rhodesian ceasefire last night. guerrilla leaders have registered doubts that this is place at Lancaster House tomorrow.

has won an extra assembly point in the 'heartland' for its to come fully into effect early in the new year, though forces. Formal signing of the ceasefire document is to take Caracas, Dec 17

'This means end of the war', British chairman says

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en long and difficult, and sere would be problems. Sir Ian ecting as confersairman in the absence in ceton of Lord Carrington, reign Secretary, said that cision last night represa decisive step forward. a decisive step torward, short statement, after ing the report at the 1 Office, Mr Joshua and Mr Robert Mugabe, route Front leaders, said taying considered the British offer on the distance of forces in the cease.



Mr Joshua Nkomo (left) and Mr Robert Mugabe after the ceasefire agreement.

allocate further assembly areas, if the need arose.

Lord Carrington for the British Government, and Mr Silas Mundawarara for the Salisbury delegation, had al-ready initialled the report last Saturday.
The Patriotic Front said that

the whole success of the con-ference had been brought about or forces in the cease of Parciotic Front had decembration, and the sacrifices, sweat and blood of its finish offer had given riotic Front an additional ly point for its forces welo, in the heartland of the sacrifices, sweat and blood of its gallant fighting men and women, while the agreement had short-to-build a truly

American officials cautioned

however, that a final decision to press for sanctions had not

yet been taken. They said that a number of options were still under review, Earlier at a welcoming cere-mony on the White House lawn,

Mrs Thatcher said that every British home had been follow-

Eritish home had been follow-ing annously the events in Iran. The cruel ordeal in-flicted on the hostages has aroused the indignation of the civilized world 5 she told Mr.

the patience, wisdom and self-restraint" with which the American public had reacted to

the crisis, site said, and Mr Carter had son "enormous res-pect" in Britain for the

statesmanship, calmness and courage with which he had faced an agonizing problem.

the Americans, but the British were their friends. "We do sup-

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Margaret Thatcher today

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Nations economic sanc-

two hours of talks with

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Rhodesia, Mr Nkomo said. In democratic society in Zimbabwe addition, the British Governor free from racism and the exin Salisbury was empowered to ploitation of man by man."

the ceaseirre is to start seven days after tomorrow's signing and come fully into effect seven days after that. The period between signature and ceasefire day will be used for the deployment of the British and Commonwealth monitoring forces, now standing by to Fly to Rhodesia, and the disense seement, of the Rhodesia. disengagement of the Rhode-sian forces.

The second seven days will be for the assembly of the Patriotic Front forces, under their own commanders and the suspices of the monitoring teams. The process of organiz-

All family of

be executed?

Paris, Det 17.-Ayatollah

Sadeq Khalkhali, an Iranian

Islamic judge, said in an inter-

"We will execute without trial all the members of the

family—the Shah, Farah Diba (the Shah's wife)—all of them and all the dignitaries of the

old regime, and Bakhtiar (Mr Shapur Bakhtier, the former Prime Minister)", Ayatollah Khalkhali told the French leftist daila Liberation

Ayatolian Khalkhali

quoted as saying that he was responsible for at least 200 exe-cations in Iran.

He went on: "Our com-

nandos exist are numerous and

have been trained in different

countries, especially Palestine, but also elsewhere, including the United States".

Asked about the American

hostages in Tehran, the ayatol-lah said he hoped they were not

daily Liberation.

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order not to hold back the business of the conference", he said, "things which we believe we can in due course modify in the interests of everybody". The agreement yesterday was in doubt until the last moment and was the result of extensive

heart searching by both wings of the Patriotic Front Britain had made it clear that there were no further concessions to be had after the granting of the sixteenth assembly place, on which the British side felt the Patriotic Front had made a

The possibility of further assembly areas will be up to the Governor, on the advice of the ceasefire commission; the rule of thumb is 1,000 men to

Patriotic Front forces started in Rhodesia yesterday. Mr Mugabe made it clear that each assembly area. Mr Nicholas Fenu, the British spokesman at the conference, flew to Salisbury last night to become press spokesman for Lord Soames,

Our Washington Correspondent writes: News of the imminent ceaselire agreement reached Mrs Tharcher at a formal lunch at the British Embassy here. Announcing that she had just

Sounding somewhat more re-served than Mr Nkomo, Mr Mugabe said that the overall agreement had certain shortheard that Patriotic Front rep-resentatives were about to ini-tial the document, the Prime comings such as racial repre-sentation in the Parliament, Minister paid tribute to the American Administration for its immense and continual " help

Heath attack on EEC tactics by Britain

By Michael Hatfield

Strong criticism of Britain's negotiating stance at the meet-ing in Dublin of European Ecoview published here today that he was the leader of a group of specially-trained commandos who would kill all members of the deposed Shah's family. nomic Community leaders over the country's budgetary contri-bution to the Community was made last night by Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister.

ing tents to accommodate the

the Patriotic Front did not believe a ceaseiire could be

achieved in such a short time:
"The practical realities will prove it impossible in seven days", he said, "and demon-

strate the Patriotic Front's con-

tention that it needs six to eight weeks to come true".

which was enathema to them, and dual citizenship: "Things

The implication of his speech was that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had made a misjudgment in her tactical approach to Britain's

Mr Heath told a meeting in London: "I believe that the seriousness with which the British treated this budgetary problem would have been more credible to our partners if we had put forward specific pro-posals for more Community spending in Britain, preferably of a sort that would benefit the European Economic Community

The Government had indicated that it saw increased Community spending in Britain as one way of contributing to a solution to the problem. "Yet to my knowledge, no such pro-posals were put forward either at the Dublin summit or since", he said.

guilty, so that none would be executed. "But if any are responsible for events which caused the death of Iranians... Conservative MPs will unthen they will be severely pun-ished."—Reuter. doubtedly interpret his remarks as an oblique criticism of the Journalists expelled, page 5

was mentioned in his speech at Chatham House, on the occasion of the Adolf

While Mr Heath expressed while Mr Heath expressed full understanding as to why the Europeans had rejected the Community's 1980 Budget, there appeared little in his speech which supported the British Government's stance.

He questioned the position adopted by the Government at a meeting of Council ministers. Britain can be in her urgent demands for reform of the common agricultural policy and for a more equitable distribu-tion of the Budget if ministers vote against the Parliament's cuts in agricultural spending", he said.

"Our veto must have been made all the more perplexing to them by the fact that a British vote for the Parliament's amendments would have en sured the adoption".

"A strong British lead in treating an effective common energy policy would greatly im-prove the negotiating atmo-sphere as well as being in our own interest. It should include more generous arrangements for the preferential supply of North Sea oil to our Community part-

Opec talks hopelessly split on oil pricing

From Nicholas Hirst Energy Correspondent

Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Coun-tries meeting today in Caracas are hopelessly split on pricing policy.

Any chance of agreement on

a unified price structure, which could end the disorder in international oil markets resulting from production cutbacks in

A final communique is expected to paper over the cracks. But unless there is a substantial shift in the position of the moderates, led by Saudi Arabia, and the pricing hawks, led by Libya and Iran, wide price differences will continue. The kind of price leap-frog-ging between Opec nations which has characterized the market in the past months is only likely to be avoided by the effects of the growing

world recession next year. Attempts by Saudi Arabia and three moderate followers among the 13 Opec countries to pre-empt the Venezuelan conference by raising their prices by \$6 a barrel to give

Opec a new benchmark price seems to have failed. The Saudis are continuing their attempts to moderate the effects of sharp price increases on western economies. Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the oil minister, is refusing to edd to

this price of 524 a barrel at this meeting and has said he will hold it for longer than the first quarter of 1980.

Shaikh Yamani has also said that Saudi Arabia will continue to supply an extra one million barrels a day above its desired long-term limit of 8.5 million

barrels a day. The Saudis, the world's largest oil producers, clearly hope that as the world recession gathers pace next year, prices demanded by the "bawks" will become too high to be main-tained and all Oper countries will come into line at the next conference.

But for the time being pric-ing remains out of control. Libya has already raised its prices to \$30 a barrel backdated to November 1 and appears to be pressing for Opec to agree to a beochmark price of \$34 from January 1. lran has also confirmed that

has raised its prices by \$5 a barrel backdated to December 1 to a level of \$28.50. Algeria, which with Libya and

Nigeria, produces a quality of light crude similar to output mom tae North Sea. nus it intends to maintain its differential of \$5.50 over the Saudi "marker"

This makes it almost certain that the price for North Sea oil charged by the British National Oil Corporation will rise to more than \$30 a barrel by January 1. So far seven of Cpec's 13 members have announced firm price rises and two others have made it clear that they intend to put their prices up in line with increases by other mem-

bers. Attempts will be made by the Opec oil ministers meeting in Caracas tonight and tomorrow at least to make differentials more in line with differing qualities of crude but at present Cpec looks in disarray over a pricing policy.

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Choice of Stansted as airport for London likely to reopen battle

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
The choice by the Government yesterday of Stansted as the site for an expanded sirport for London able to handle up to 50 million passengers a year by the zurn of the century is likely to cause a bitter environmental battle.
While residents near the other five short-listed sites for

other five short-listed sites for the third London amport expressed relief, conservation groups in the picturesque towns and villages in the rolling agricultural country around Stansted prepared last night to fight the decision.

One of their main arguments

at a lengthy planning inquiry into the expansion of Stansted which is to open next year is that the site has already been chosen on two occasions since the war and then rejected.

The choice of Stansted as third London airport in all but name was announced to the Commons yesterday by Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, in a sweeping review of size of the common of the airports policy designed to settle up to the year 2000 a problem which has bedevilled successive governments for

His main points were : there vill be a fourth terminal at Heathrow, but no fifth terminal; no second runway at Gatwick; and a new terminal building or Stansted, with the purchase of 1,500 acres of additional land and improvements to access roads, to enable that airport to handle up to 15 million passengers a year, and the "safeguarding" of an additional 2,500 acres to provide for a second runway and further

Added to the existing 900 acres of Stansted, the two new parcels of land would result in Stansted covering 4,900 acres (compared with the 2,800 acres

of Heathrow).
Mr Nott told the House:
Our aim would be that the owners of residential and agri-cultural property in this wider area (the 2,500 acres) should have the opportunity of either continuing to live or farm there, pending any possible require-ment for this additional land. or of selling their property at an unblighted value to the British Airports Authority."

The cost of developing Stansted up to 15 million passengers will be £385m, most of which will be financed by the airports authority, which already operates Stansted with 300,000 passengers a year. According 20 the Study

Group on South-east Airports which, with the Advisory Committee on Airports Policy, advised the Government on

sites, the total cost of Stansted will be £1,250m. will be £1,250m.

The total cost of the other short-listed sites would have been: Hoggeston, £1,645m; Yardley Chase, £1,975m; Langley, £1,510m; Willingdale, £1,505m; and Maplin, £1,710m.
"We have given careful consideration to each of the sites.

"We have given careful consideration to each of the sites examined", Mr Noit said.
"Airports, road and rail access, the relocation of defence establishments, ali use up agricultural land, affect property and cause changes to the environ-

ment.
"The best solution must be one that avoids any premature expenditure, and leaves future expenditure, and leaves tuture governments with the maximum degree of flexibility—dependent on the growth of demand. Our view on the evidence so far available is that none of the greenfield sites meets these requirements. We recognize that Maplin has certain advantages.

"But ... a commitment of over \$1.000m would invoive very serious risks which are unjustified when we cannot be certain that an airport of such a size might be needed."

The Government is working on the forecast that there will

on the forecast that there will be a demand of between 69 million and 81 million passengers a year in London and the South-east by the late 1980s. Existing capacity is 50 million. With a fourth terminal

at Heathrow and a second ter-minal at Gatwick, subject to a planning inquiry, this figure will increase to 65 million. Stansted's development to take 15 million passengers could be complete in eight years.

Plans are well advanced within the airports authority

to develop the fourth Heathrow terminal at a cost of over £100m. But there will be severe restrictions on its use. Stanstead opposition, page 3:

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Turkish Airlines office bombed in London

By Staff Reporters The Turkish Airlines office in Hanover Street in London's West End was damaged by an explosion last night.

A group calling itself the Front for the Liberation of Armenia claimed responsibility in a phone call to the Agence France-Presse. Police said the IRA was not considered res-

The police said the 11b device Two sorters were shaken was either thrown from a when the device exploded passing car or placed against a inside a mailbag at Chariton window.

Only one casualty was reported, suffering from shock.

Hanover Square with Regent Street, which was filled with sightseers looking at the Christmas decorations.

The police issued a general warning last night for the pub-lic to be wary about any unsolicited mail, specially from overseas, after a letter bomb exploded at Dover vesterday at lunchtime.

Green sorring office.

The mailbag was on a conveyor belt



h to the United Nations about it", she said to applause

ent Carter leads Mrs Thatcher by the hand to the ing stand at the White House.

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Two women killed as gales sweep Britain

and several other people were injured yesterday when gales swept Scotland. Northern Ire-land and the north of England. Many ships were in trouble and car and lorry drivers had hazardous journeys.

One of the women who died was Lady Ballantrae, wife of the former Governor-General of New Zealand. She was crushed when a tree fell on their car their home village of Ballantrae, South Ayrshire. Her bushand escaped with miner invertes. minor injuries. The other woman was killed

by a falling chimney stack in the Saracen Cross area of Glasgow: Late lest night 400 lorry drivers were stranded at South

waite service station on the M6 young children, was on the in Cumbria after a number of slopes of Ben Macdui with two high-sided vehicle had been companions on Sunday when he overturned by the wind and disappeared in almost "white police stopped other lorries using the motorway.

The Salvation Army issued many of the men with blankers and a bank was set up to pro-wide them with money. With winds gusting up to 80 mph causing havoc all over

Scotland, there were fears last night for a climber missing in the Cairngorms. Five mountain rescue teams.

seven search and rescue dogs and an RAF helicopter were forced by blizzards to give up their search for Mr Gordon Taylor, aged 30, of New Elgin, Murrayshire. Mr Taylor, married with two collapsed.

conditions. His friends re-

turned safely.

Pive people were rescued in two other mountain incidents. Two climbers were found 2,800ft up on Ben More after spending a night on the mountain. One, who had a back injury, was rescued by helicopter. The other was guided to safety.

Three other men—including a rescuer suffering from hypothermia were recovering in hoshospital last night after another incident on the same mountain.
In Glasgow, a falling tree in
the Thornliebank area trapped a man in his car, and two roads were closed when a building

Glasgow airport were left to the discretion of pilots. Police in the west of Scotland were inundated with reports of trees, lamp standards and scaf-folding being blown down and

Take-offs and landings at

buildings being damaged. Several minor roads in Scotland were blocked by fallen trees, and heavy snow in parts of west Scotland added to motorists' difficulties.

There was also snow and slush on the M62 in Leeds and speed on most motorways in the north of England was restricted to 40 or 50 mph. Eight buildings were damaged in Northumberland, where police stopped some high-sided loads from using roads.

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rvier Union is building its first repowered attack aircraft car-according to defence officials singeon. This is an important pment in Russian plans to ole a powerful deep water which is expected to have four a such vessels Page 3

Churchill behaviour Renault considering 'not security risk'

Mr Winston Churchill's relationship with Mrs Soraya Khashoggi, wife of the international arms dealer, did not constitute a breach of national security, the Prime Minister stated in a parliamentary written reply Page 2

-Jail 'for natural life' Arthur Hall, aged 38, who admitted

murdering a young man and his girl friend, was semenced to life imprisonment. Mr Justice Kenneth Jones at Nortingham Crown Court said that he should be detained " for the rest of your natural life." He added: "These were most horrible crimes and I regard you as a highly-dangerous man." Page 4

Labour pact on Bill

Senior Labour Party politicians and Senior Labour Party pointcians and trade union leaders agreed to repeal the forthcoming legislation on the closed shop and secondary picketing as soon as they return to power. They said the Employment Bill would only impede the promotion of improved industrial relations.

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bid for BL

Renault, the state-owned French motor group, has emerged as a pos-sible buyer for BL if government funding is lost BL is the last major British-owned representative in the car industry. If the deal goes ahead, would leave the French, whose Peugeot company acquired Chrysler UK last year, holding more than half Britain's car and commercial vehicle industry

Nato initiative

Nato has offered to pull out 13.000 American troops from West Germany Russia withdraws 30,000 men from Eastern Europe. The Western initiative is intended to break the deadlock in the Vienna force-reduction talks and secure an interim agreement with the Warsaw Pact states Page 4

'Refugees ignored'

The Soviet Union and other Eastern block nations have done little or nothing to alleviate the plight of almost a million refugees in South-East Asia, a United Nations official Page 6

Sickness payment by employer planned The Government proposed to make employers pay sickness benefits for the first eight weeks in any tax year, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced. The

plan will be published in a Green Paper in the spring Page 2 Northern Treland: Provisional IRA claims responsibility for murder of ninth prison officer this year.

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"We are the most viable

steelworks in the country. We have made a profit for two, successive months and we have

been betrayed by the people who told us to get cracking.

Mr. David Watkins, Labour MP for Consett, has picked up the mood of the people of the town and said: "Make no mistake, there is going to be a tremendoms fight."

closure so that some attempt
may be made to replace the
lost jobs.
Mr Watkins said: "This

used to be a coal mining area. In the last two decades 15,000 mining jobs have disappeared.

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When Howns Gill Plate Mill, part of the British Steel Cor-

poration's complex at Consett,

co Durham, closed last autumn with the loss of 420 jobs, a popular north-east England comedian known as Little Billy

Fane wrote a song about it.

It ended with words the pur-part of which was: "You may

close the gates, the machines

may rust, but you will never break the spirit of the men of

When Little Billy Fane sung it at Consett Trade Union Club

members rose to him and ended the evening standing on tables singing: "You'll never

Whether a new song will be

written to mark the closure of the entire plant under British Steel's 52,000 jobs cut is deba-table, but after talking to many Consett people one is forced to the conclusion that Little Billy Fane knew what he

Little Billy Fane knew what be

was talking about.

The people of Consett are worried, and small wonder, with 3,750 jobs to vanish in

Labour leaders agree to repeal picket and closed shop legislation

Labour Editor

Labour Party leaders gave a practically unqualified pledge yesterday to repeal the Government's forthcoming legislation on the closed shop and secondary picketing as soon as they get back into power.

Mr James Callaghan Opposition leader, and senior mem-bers of the Shadow Cabinet gave their promise at a meeting of the TUC-Labour Party Lisison Committee on the day that MPs began the second reading of the Employment

Labour politicians and union leaders agreed that the Bill would impede the promotion of improved industrial relations, and "do nothing to help to solve the pressing problems of improving productivity, investment and collective bargaining procedures".

There was no serious criti-cism from the Opposition front bench spokesmen to a TUC background paper giving a clause-by-clause rebuttal of the Bill introduced by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, less than two

The agreed statement said in all: "The representatives of the Labour Party indicated that the party would be strongly opposing the Bill in Parliament and that the next Labour Government would repeal the

of legal rights for workers and unions in an improved form." That form of words meets the That form of words meets the TUC's demand that Labour politicians should give them a "firm commitment" to repeal the forthcoming legislation in consultation with the unions.

The phrase "the Bill's damaging measures" is deliberately ambiguous, but the ambiguity is explained as a device to meet the desire of

device to meet the desire of some union leaders to sustain state financial support for unions that conduct secret ballots as part of their normal industrial and democratic

activity.
Mr Terence Duffy, president
of the Amalgamated Union of
Engineering Workers, declared
his support for public aid for secret ballots at yesterday's meeting, and that provision is likely to be continued by future Labour Government. The circumstances surround

ing Mr Callaghan's pledge of a repeal of the Tory employment laws are very different from the similar exercise conducted over the Heath Government's Industrial Relations Act of 1971. There was no TUC-Labour Party Liaison Commit-tee when the Bill was intro-duced, and Labour leaders were not asked for and did not offer repeal of the legislation. and that the next Labour It took several years before Government would repeal the the "social contract" between Bill's damaging measures, if the Shadow Cabinet and the enacted, and would consult with TUC took shape.

'No breach of security' in Churchill case

By Our Political Reporter

The Prime Minister declined vesterday to refer the case of Mr Winston Churchill, Conservarive MP for Stretford, and Mrs Khashoggi to the Security

In a parliamentary written reply Mrs Thatcher stated that she was satisfied there had been no breach of security in the pub-lic service.

The Prime Minister was replying to a written question from Mr James Wellbeloved, Labour MP for Bexley, Erith and Cray-ford and a former junior defence minister, who had asked if she would refer to the Security Commission the evidence given by Mrs Khashoggi in respect of her relationship

with a politician involved in defence matters. Mr Wellbeloved said last night

thatthe matter was now closed as far as he was concerned. Hugh Noyes writes: Mr Churchill came into the Chamber of the House of Commons last night for about 10 minutes. before the division on the Employment Bill, and sat on the front bench below the gangway. At ne point he was involved in a conversation across the floor of the house with Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Liver-pool, Walton. As he left the Chamber to record his vote and passed in front of the Government Front Bench, he was greeted warmly by several Con-

Employment | Crisis in the steel towns 2-Consett: Bitterness over plant brought back to profitability Bill creeps in like

a mouse

Parliamentary Correspondent The Employment Bill, her-alded by Labour and the TUC as the greatest threat to free speech since the Spanish Inqui-sition, and by Conservatives as the legislation that would put right most if not all, that was wrong with the nation's industrial relations, crept meekly into the Commons yesterday for its second reading, with about as much fury as a dragon that

has lost its puff. it was soon clear that something had gone drastically wrong with the Bill's advance publicity. Indeed, it seemed possible that in the interest of making some sort of a fight of it. Mr Eric Varley, the former Secretary of State for Industry, leading the attack for the Oppo-sition, had decided that it would be best for his future in the party if he did not read the Bill at all.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, pre-sented his opening speech in the midst of an almost total silence from back benches on both sides of the House.

The Secretary of State claimed yesterday that the new legislation was neither doctrinaire nor draconian, and was not Indeed, as Mr Prior proceeded to reveal his proposals for deal-ing with the closed shop and secondary picketing it was a little difficult to discover what exactly the Bill would do.

was equally difficult to out what precisely Mr Varley was so concerned about, As for the demand from trade leaders that Labour should give a promise to repeal the legislation book, line and sinker as soon as they had the power to do so, he gave about as equivocal an answer as it is

possible to do
As for Mr Pryor his most
difficult task was to explain
how the Government would be handling the awkward situation arising out of the House of Lords ruling last week in favour of the journalists who "blacked" Press Association

Copy.
What it all boiled down to amendment to deal with at unforunate hiccup over secondary picketing would be introduced into the Bill at its committee

stage.

The Bill was given its second reading by 315 votes to 245, a government majority of 70.

Mr Jenkin plans to make payment of sickness benefits an employer's duty

Rv Pat Healv

Social Services Correspondent Government proposals to make employers pay sick pay will be published in a Green Paper next spring. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced in a parliamentary written reply vesterday.

The proposals would save a substantial proportion of the cost of sickness benefits, running at about £650m a year, but could not be implemented before April, 1981, at the earliest.

The proposals were con-demned as "another attack on the national insurance scheme" by the Trades Union Congress, but the Confederation of British Industry declined to comment until the Green Paper is published. The Child Poverty Action Group was concerned that the proposals would undermine clear rights to sickness benefit and to independent

appeals.
Mr Jenkin said in his written answer that it did not seem sensible that employees could be better off sick than in work because sickness benefit was not taxable. More than 80 per cent of employees had some sickness cover from their employers, a large number of them through full wages or full wages less sickness benefit

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He was therefore considering proposals for legislation to place a duty on employers to pay an amount of sick pay "roughly equating to the aver-age" paid in sickness benefit. Such sick pay would be tax-able, but employers' liability would be limited to the first eight weeks in any tax year.

Mr Jenkin said the proposed

scheme would apply to all employers, and cover all employees except those outside national insurance cover national insurance cover. Employers would not be required to pay for the first three days of sickness, and separate spells of three days or less would not be linked for sick pay purposes. There would be similar change to the national insurance rules.

Sickness benefit would be available, subject to contribution conditions, for people whose sickness in any tax year lasted longer than eight weeks and for those not covered by the scheme. The self-employed would continue to quality for insurance sickness

Employers would be compensated for the extra cost involved by a reduction in their national insurance contributions, Mr Jenkin said. There would be consideration for the difficulties small firms might face.

The proposals would relieve

the national insurance scheme of the cost of a large proportion of sickness benefit, since two thirds of claimants received the benefit for two weeks or less, and 90 per cent claim for six

Mr Peter: Jacques, secretary of the social insurance and industrial welfare department of the TUC, said last night that the proposals were another attempt by the Government to break up the national insurance

"Who will decide whether the worker is sick and who will pay for the medical certificate?" he asked. "I hope the sick worker will not be asked to

Workers should be allowed a reduction in their national insurance contributions if the proposals went through, particularly since they were likely to be worse off under them, Mr

Jacques said.
Miss Ruth Lister, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said she was not opposed to the principle taxing sickness benefit. provided it came after more system to raise the threshold for low-income families

or low-income families.

She was also concerned that some small companies might find it difficult to pay and that sick workers would find it more difficult to obtain their rights.

A saloon car crushed by a tree that was blown down in yesterday's gales. Six other cars in York were damaged.

Gales havoc on land and at sea

Continued from page 1 Winds in the north of Eng-land and Scotland reached petween 79 and 80 mpn and in Ireland gusts of more than 100 mph were recorded by the Meteorological Office at Mallin Head on the north coast of Donegal. All ferry crossings between Northern Ireland and Scotland-were cancelled.

The cargo ship Manor Park, abandoned by her crew 50 miles off the Type was drifting last night towards an oil rig pumping station with 19 men on

Five people, including a woman, had been winched to safety by helicopter from the 500-ron vessei earlier in day after she had developed engine trouble in heavy seas.

The Manor Park was about

10 miles from the pumping station when she was aban-doned, but five hours later she

was said to be about only five or six miles away. Three men were rescued by a naval helicopter when their coaster ran aground on the

South Devon coast. The 420-ton Heye-P, carrying china clay, grounded at Prawle Point and Salcombe lifeboat was launched The helicopter flew the crew to the Royal Naval air station Culdrose, Cornwall, for medical treatment. Brixham coastguard said: "The vessel is a wreck and is breaking up".

The small north-east Scottish fishing port of Buckie was in mourning after the presumed loss of the Banff-registered trawier Ocean Monarch with a crew of seven.

More than a million Radio 4 listeners were left without sound when the transmitter at Droitwich, which serves England and Wales, collapsed London-bound drivers on the M1 met strong cross-winds in Bedfordshire and Hersford-

IRA kills ninth prison officer this year

From Christopher Thomas

The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the murder yesterday of the ninth prison officer this year, bringing to nearly 2,000 the number of dead in the past 10 years of civil Mr William Wilson, aged 38.

was shet just after 1 pm as he walked from Crumlin Road juil to his local club on the junction with Century Street. He is the seventeenth prison officer to die since the IRA declared them to be "legitimate targets" three years ago in support of political status for terrorist offenders. Since the summer of 1969 yesterday were that the pro-1,992 people have died. The posed constitutional conference

first soldier killed was on Octoher 5 that year, when the number of moops in the province was 8,000 compared with today's total of 13,500. Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secre-

tary of State for Northern Ire-land, yesterday visited the scene near Dungamon where four soldiers were killed by a land mine on Sunday. He said the IRA could not hope for victory through violence. "They have are not interested in political advance or in Christianity, he

Despite unease within the "loyalist" community the signs

it calls on the Government

immediately to release the full

reports by the Nuclear Power Inspectorate, the Nuclear Power Company and the Central Electricity Conerating Board, so that MPs may be assisted in making a judgment.

MPs and environmentalists

on power devolution would begin on January 7 at Stormont. The Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, said any agreement from the conference would be put to a referendum in Ulster. He claimed to have received an assurance from Mr Atkins that light miles and represent the property of the that Irish unity and powersharing on the old executive model would not be discussed. If they were, the Democratic Unionists would walk out, he

Mr Atkins said last night: "The terms of reference have not changed. They are exactly as laid down in the working

Leading article, page 13

MPs seek end to secrecy over safety of reactors

Demands for the Government to end the secrety over the safety of nuclear reactors were made last night by an all party group of MPs who tabled a Commons early day motion.

It comes on the eve of a ministerial statement outlining the Cabinet's decision on the siting of new nuclear power The motion draws attention

have made strong complaints that the authorities have refused to publish their to the recent nuclear accident reports.
at the American Three-Mile Mr.
Island nuclear station, the Postypos Mr Leo Abse (Labour, Pentypool), one of the signa-Island nuclear station, the cracks found in the new French cracks found in the new French tories, said lass night reactors and the continuing safety reports were avail difficulties with the British in the United States reports were available

Last two Shell terminals go back to work The Shell tanker drivers'

strike ended yesterday when employees at Northfleet in south-west London, and Silvertown, in East London, the two terminals which had not returned to normal working, agreed to do so. At the height of the three

week dispute over contract labour, 34 of the company's 45 terminals were shut down. The terminals were shut down. The company has refused a Transport and General Workers' Union's demand to put to arbitration the question of how much use should be made of outside contractors. But it has. streed to continue joint discus-

ganization Consett has been 1951 and 1961 at 16,900. The part of Derwentside District Council and its chairman, a steelworks fareman, Councillor Kenneth Robson, tries to look 1961 at 16,900. The population in 1951 was 102,400. He says that apart from the jobs lost with the closure, a "We were made a Special All-out steel stoppage

gains Welsh support

Faced with the spectre of more than 50,000 job losses in the principality, union leaders in South Wales decided vesterday to ask their national executives to sanction an all-out strike unless the British Steel Corporation lifts its threat to shed as many as 15,000 jobs at Port Talbot and

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for the creation of new jobs. -

"If this does not happen.

this town is going to be des-troved. The Government must

intervene and give us a couple of years' breathing space", Mr

Consett lies in the middle of

beautiful countryside. it has

Warkins says.

the mood of the people of the town and said: "Make no mistake, there is going to be a tremendous fight."

If the fight to keep the plant open is hopeless, the attack will be towards deferring its closure so that some attempt

15,000 jobs at Port Talbot and Llanwern.
The unions, including the Transport and General Workers

Union and the National Union of Minewarkers, have given the corporation until the middle of January to suspend any cutbacks for two years while an inquiry is held into the company's marketing strategy.

The demand is backed by a call for the immediate resigna-tion of Sir Charles Villiers and

his top executives.

Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Welsh TUC, said there was a strong feeling at the meeting that the working pounds.

class had taken as much as it

could stand. "We were manimous that now is the time to stewards representing

"We have just got to take them on now or they will reduce Wales to a wasteland. This is the worst situation I have known in my time with the move-ment." Yesterday's decision was en-dorsed by the regional branches of the railwaymen's and train drivers' unions, whose support would be vital to the corpora-

strategy to trim down to a "so called workable level".

dent that new industry will come to Consett. There are

many skilled men at the steel-works capable of adapting to

new jobs. A new town centre is being built. Houses for key

workers are no longer a diffi-

be no muss exodus from Con-sett even though he believes

that the unemployment rate after the closure will rise from its present 8 per cent to about

its present 8 per cent to about 35 per cent.

Mr Terry Hodgson, chief executive of the council, believes that some migration will take place. He puts the loss of mining jobs between 1951 and 1961 at 16,900. The population in 1951 was 102,400. It is now estimated at \$2,100.

He is equally sure there will

tion if it decides to transport steel from Port Talbot to Llanwern for finishing. Corby surrender: Nearly 10,000 workers at the corporation's plant at Corby have given up the fight to try to save steel-making from being phased out. They have given union leaders the go-shead to start negotiating the closure and redundancy pay-ments amounting to milkions of

yesterday by shop representing more make a stand, and as far as than 6,000 members of the Iron we are concerned the strike can and Steel Trades Confederation be international, he said.

Mr Wright said there was Business News, page 17

Tube drivers' strike cuts some services by half

By Our Labour Staff Services on some London Underground lines were badly

disrupted yesterday by a 24-hour unofficial strike by drivers over back pay.

The numbers of trains on the Piccadilly, Bakerloo and Jubilee lines were reduced by

half.
Services on the Central line were cut by more than a quar-ter, and those on the Hammer-smith-City branch of the Metro-politan line by a fifth. On the Northern line services were cut

by a quarter in the morning but improved by the evening peak improved by the evening peak hour.

The strike, originally called by drivers leaders at six of the 33 depots, mainly involved members of the Associated Society of Locomorive Engineers and Firemen.

Some drivers are angry that

minority of higher-paid drivers. Aslef say, will have to wait until January for sums of up to £100 a week. The difficulty arose because the unions at London Transport

asked earlier this year that the backdated sums be paid to each individual according to his earnings instead of an average across the board. The payments have been delayed by the time taken to adjust the payroll.

London Transport said last

night it was not yet able to estimate how many drivers or how many depots had been involved in the dispute, but it expected services to be normal

today.
Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of Akler ball earlier appealed to his members not to strike.
Mr Edward Miles, the execu-

some drivers are augry that they cannot expect to receive tive member responsible for this week the full amount of the Underground, said last back pay due from an award made in July and backdated to men's anger, but we felt this April. as originally planned action would not help. He one flat-rate sum has been paid and another is due, but a repeat the strike.

Workers want help in their fight to attract new industry mum incentives to attract new suce news.

Industry here, but for every "One of the good things that a total of 8,000-3,000 additional five jobs that were lost only will come out of it he says, unemployed out of an active one new job has been created. "Is that the area will become workforce of some 30,000 in Male unemployment is 11.3 per much more attractive.

Derwentside "We probably have the best package of incentives to in dustry to come here. We have incentives from the county council and the district council in addition to those pro-vided by Special Development

"Provided we get the right sort of pump priming invest-ment from the Government, the future could in the med-ium term be quite bright.", Mr Hodgson said.

Mr. Derek Hicks, president of Consett Chamber of Trade and a newsagent, admits that some of his members are slightly concerned at the effects of the job loss, but again the emphasis is on the chamber's doing everything it can to attract new industry.

The mood of the people of Consett is one of acceptance of an unpalatable fact of life and determination to

Civil Service jobs threat over pay evidence that the corporation had deliberately failed to seek new markets or hold on to existing ones as part of the demands

By David Felton

Labour Reporter The spectre of job cuts in the Civil Service if pay settlements are higher than the cash limits fixed by the Government was raised by senior civil servants last night.

The Government plans to announce in advance of pay settlements, the first of which is due in the Civil Service next April, the global amount of money available for pay increases, in an atempt to hold down settlements. Any cuts would be in addition to the 40,000 job reductions announced

by the Government recently. Sir Anthony Rawlinson, second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, told the first meeting of the Commons Treasury Select Committee: "It is possible, although I would not suggest that it is particularly likely, that the global estimates might not provide in full for the pay settlements, in which case adjustments would have to be made through numbers".

He said the global figure would be fixed after ministers in the had seen the reports of the Pay Research Unit on the rises that white-collar civil servants should get to keep up with comparable employees in the

private sector. Sir John Herbecq, Second Civil Service Department told the committee that the decision to announce a global figure left the Government with all options open. He said it was possible for the Government to withdraw up the pay research exercise but it would be at a price; it: would have some effect on our industrial relations.".

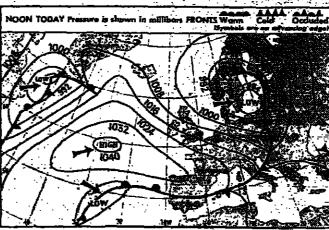
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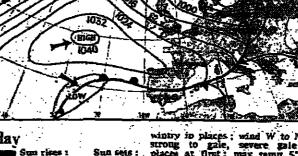
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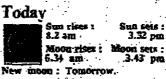
The Covernment intends to outlaw the practice of quoting prices exclusive of VAT.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, announced in a parliamentary written reply vesterday that a draft order dealing with VAT-inclusive pricing will be laid before Parliament as soon as possible.

Weather forecast and recordings







New moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting.up: 4.22-pm to 7.32 am.
Bigh water: London Bridge, 12.39
am. 6.8m (22.4ft); 12.59 pm,
6.7m (22.6ft). Avonmouth. 6.18
am, 12.5m (41.4ft); 6.34 pm,
12.6m (41.4ft). Dover, 10.3 am.
6.4m (20.9ft); 10.30 pm, 6.5m
(21.3ft). Hull, 5.6 am, 6.9m
(22.4ft); 5.30 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft).
Liverpool, 10.21 am, 9.0m
(29.4ft); 10.39 pm, 8.9m (29.2ft).
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gale; sea rough or very rough.
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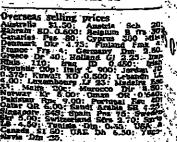
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Outlook for temorrow and Thursday: Sunny periods and wintry showers, addit frost, rain or sleet in N aress; on Thorsday.



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professionals sail in: It iks like an invasion fleet, and a way it is. Cornish waters in d-winter are rich in shoals of mackerel, and hundreds of hermen from several countries ve collected to reap the har-st (Trevor Fishlock writes). ots and Englishmen, Russians, manians, Bulgars, Poles, Ger-

mans and Egyptians are there for the mackerel hunt; and Fal-mouth folk are making some much-needed money from this annual meeting of international fishermen. At sea the invasion worries local

men. They fear that large-scale will wipe out West Country mackerel stocks in a few years. Past lessons, they say, are not being heeded and they cite the overfishing that has ruined herring stocks in northern waters and elsewhere. On land, however, the shop-keepers of Falmouth are ringing

their tills while the mackerel

gather. The crews of foreign

Three die

Three children died in a fire

in Manchester on Sunday night. The children were in bed when

the fire broke out at the home, in Stockton Road, Chorlton.

Police said two beds in a first-floor room had been badly

In another fire Stehen Rudd.

aged three died at his home in Darkington, co Durham yester-

day.

His two brothers and an elder sister were saved by their

mother, who escaped after pass-ing them through a bedroom window to neighbours.

The child's body was found in the two-storey terrace council house, in Ingleby Moor

as fire

hostel

laden with carpets, toys, clothing, drink and lingerie. Some shops even advertise women's underwear in Russian. The question being asked is: How long can it last? Mackerel fishing in West Country waters

ships are enthusiastic shoppers

and they return to their vessels

from forays ashore in boats ried on primarily by local men in small boats using traditional hook-and-line methods. Later the scale of fishing was increased with the development of midwater trawling, but local men say they struck a balance between conservation and good business.

has been revolutionized in the

past few years. It used to be car-

The arrival of "super trawlers" from Scotland and the east coast has changed the picture. They can make huge catches in just one cast of a net and they have been coming after the Cornish mackerel to help to repay the large investments made in them. The vessels, which have to fish on a large scale, feed the

tieth century.

The study discloses that between 1914 and 1972 the service

class had roughly three times the chance of the working class of obtaining some kind of selec-

higher education lessened.

Professor Halsey's study concludes that the Education Act of 1944 brought Britain no nearer meritocracy or equality of opportunity. It finds that the tripartite system created area.

mackerel into the foreign factory ships, which freeze or can the fish or process them into fish meal.

super trawlers" banned from inshore waters. But local men representing 2,000. fishermen in the West Country want the limit widened from three miles to six

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Opponents of Stansted expansion ay they will fight all the way

Arthur Reed
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empt to enlarge Stansted by nited expansion into an port of almost limitless ", Mrs Susan Forsyth, cam-go organizer of the North-Essex and East Hertfordre Preservation Association,

We have listened to the rernment's statement with a ture of anger and disgust", added.

As we face the task for third time in 14 years of sing tens of thousands of ing tens of thousands of of the people around Stansted, inds to make representations but the Government has come yet another public inquiry, to the only possible decision."

Yet another public inquiry, to the only possible decision."

Wr Neil Matthewson, Chairman of the Gatwick Area Consinst developing Stansted has servation Campaign, said: "We are pleased that there will be no second runway at Catwick. Ars Forsyth said that the

ociation, which represents local organizations, would ht the proposals "all the

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stody until next Thursday at nrypridd Magistrates' Court

nerday accused of murder-

Miss Olwen Davies, a pen-

ner aged 78. at her home in turn Street, Treberbert, be-

am Our Correspondent

Concern that the rapid growth

exports of bulk mult whisky, perially to Japan, could eaten many of the industry's

000 jobs was expressed by legares at a one-day confer-

ce in Glasgow yesterday. It is called by the Scottish TUC.

uch has urged Government

drictions on malt exports. Mr Gavin Strang, Labour MP Edinburgh East and Oppa-

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man of the association, said: aircraft have no prospect of SWCCDS
"The loss of 20 homes does genuine relief."

disturbance.
"Homes will have to be found for more than 50,000 people connected with the airport, and what was once a delightful rural area will become highly urbanized." Mr Derrick Wood, chairman of the Defenders of Essex and

vice-president of the Sheppey Group, in Kent, said: "I am delighted to know that Maplin is safe.
"I can only feel sad for some

be no compensation for tens of the Greater London Council, thousands of people whose lives will be ruined by noise disturbance. "The decision, or lack of it, is disappointing. We do not agree that Stansted is cheaper than

> Mr Norman Payne, chairman of the British Airports Author-ity, welcomed the decision, commenting: "The case for developing Stansted emerged on merit after independent assessment. On grounds of cost, timing and land-take, it has

significant advantages".

Hearbrow is to have a fourth
terminal, and Mrs Evelyn
Atlee, chairman of the Federation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Groups, said: "This is not a decision, it is a shambles, and it does not answer any of the

"Congestion around Heath-row is already bad enough, and with another 12 million people a year using the new fourth terminal, things will become

Motor Agents' Association, which represents independent garages, and the oil companies.

middle of next year.

muddles and anger.

expected to start in the

There will be an accelerating deterioration in British Rail's services unless investment is increased by at least £30m, the chairman, Sir Peter Park, says in an interview in the latest

issue of International Railway

But in the same issue Mr

Norman Fowler, Minister of Transport, says that with in-

vestment at £400m a year he is

not convinced that the rail-

Asked about cuts in pas-

By Heary Stanbope
Defence Correspondent
Ministry of Defence files on
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ublic Record Office on Jan-

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The files, which cover the

attack and the Amethyst's break-out to rejoin the fleet, are

ways! future is at risk.

impossible."

Leading article, page 13

Mrs Mary Rudd, aged 25, was in the house with ber daughter Kathleen, aged five and her sons, Stephen and Jason, aged 10 months. Darlington police said Mrs Rudd jumped to safety after rescuing the children. They were taken to hospital and treated for shock, but were allowed home after treatment. Garages must continue to

BR needs £30m to avert

decline, Sir Peter says

Firemen took an hour to control the fire. At one stage it spread to the roof of another house.

About 150 people in night chures were evacuated from an

Plymouth when fire broke out early yesterday, injuring Residents of Chichester

House went to a temporary reception area in a local hotel Adapting the 100,000 pumps now in use is expected to take while firemen with breathing while fremen with breaking apparatus fought the fire.
Police said the evacuation was ordered after the fire started in a flat on the tenth change to litres has been caused by the fact that many pumps cannot register prices of more than 99p a gallon. Half-price posting has brought floor. Mrs Jean McCormack, aged 61, was found unconscious Petrol is already supplied to garages in litres, so the change should make for smoother in her smoke-filled lounge and taken to the Royal Naval Stonehouse, Hospital,

senger services, Mr Fowler said: "I have always made it

clear that it is my firm policy that there should be no sub-

stantial cuts in the passenger rail network".

Bur Sir Peter said: "There are some undodgeable decisions in this business; invest-

ment must be more or the

network must be less—it will be that brutally simple soon.

"Choices will have to be made, priority choices. I urterly believe that railways

Modern recitals

because of losses

The series of modern music

concerts at the Festival Hall,

introduced earlier this year

with special subsidies through

the London Orchestral Concerts

Board, has been cancelled by the Arts Council because of the

Concerts announced for next May, which included the British premieres of Stockhausen's

lubilee, music from Le Grande

Macabre, by Ligeti, and works

A budger of £38,000 was

allowed for the first series of

by Sessions and Petrassi, will be replaced by concerts of more

By Our Music Reporter

cancelled

high cost.

popular pieces.

British social mobility and class structure analyzed Reaching the top is as hard as ever

By Ian Bradley
Fewer people fall down the class ladder and more climb up it than they used to, but the relative chances of people from different social classes reaching the top have remained virtually unchanged during the

past 60 years.
Those are the main conclusions are the main conclusions of the Nuffield Social Mobility Survey, the first detailed results of which are to be published by Oxford University Press on January 10.

The survey, carried out by sociologists at Nuffield College, Oxford is based on data

Oxford, is based on data collected from interviews in 1972 with more than 10,000 men aged between 20 and 64.

The main evidence from the

survey is to be presented in a book entitled Social Mobility and Class Structure in Modern Britain, by Dr John Goldthorpe. It shows that there has been considerable upward social mobility in Britain in the past 60 years largely as a result of changes in the occupational structure. That has led to the development of a new social formacion in the mid-twentieth

century—a service class.
Dr Goldthorpe feels that the term "service class" is a more accurate term to describe those in managerial, professional and chithes were executed from an the old description, "middle lass"

Man died after

punch on jaw

o punch him on the jaw.

bleeding around the brain.

Walter Hallas so feared going to a dentist for treatment for

toothache tha he asked a friend

Bu when he was hit, he fell,

asking for

vesterday.

class.".

The service class has re-cruited widely from those born

into the working class. As a result, it has become highly heterogeneous, or a "class of low classness". The working class, on the other hand, while becoming a smaller proportion of the consider proportion more widespread access to secondary and higher education, but the persistence of consider-able relative inequalities of educational opportunity in the of the population, has become more homogeneous, with fewer people coming into it from other classes. first three-quarters of the twen-

In consequence, Dr Goldthorpe sees the cultural and social distinctiveness of the middle classes more threatened than that of the working classes. He also notes that the upward mobility of the working class has not roused any great discon-tent among those who have been left behind.

The study suggests that the relative chances of those born into the working and middle

classes of ending up in the service class may change to the detriment of the former.

It concludes: "If one anticipates a rather bleak economic future in which competition for higher-level class positions intensifies, and in which the resources necessary for setting social policies against class insocial policies against class in-fluence will be harder to muster than before, then a decline in openness would seem to be a particularly high probability. Egalitarians do not in fact have any easy options available to them."

tional data collected from the Nuffield Social Mobility Survey advantaged classes is saturated.

cultivated, underrated but a service caste has developed and funny is also being published on January 10 under the title Origins and Destinations.
It shows a similar picture of By a Staff Reporter

Regular Savoyards attending the performance of The Gondo-liers which opens this year's D'Oyly Carte Opera Company season at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London, tonight may notice so tething unfamiliar about that celebrated, cultivated, under rated nobleman, the Duke of Plaza Toro.

After 28 years of playing the Duke and the other principal comic roles in the Gibert and Sullivan operas, John Reed has tive secondary schooling.

The relative chances of working-class children staying on at school until 18 and going into left the company.

His successor, Mr James

Conroy-Ward, is not a complete stranger to D'Oyly Carte audiences. He joined the company in 1973 after four years in the chorus at Covent Garden as an understudy to Mr Reed and he has sung the role of Major-General Stanley in The Pirates of Penzance since.

tripartite system created great tripartite system created great injustices for children of borderline ability.

The study is sceptical that comprehensive reorganization will do very much to transform a class-stratified system into a Like Robin Oakapple in Ruddigore, Mr Conroy-Ward is diffident, modest and shy off the stage and is very conscious of the awesome responsibility he faces in playing the characmeritocratic system. It points out that privileged groups have made greater absolute gains from policies of expansion. ters that were first created by George Grossmith, the author of The Diary of A Nobody, and later developed by Sir Heary-Lytton, Martyn Green and Peter Pratt. In becoming the principal

However, Professor Halsey suggests that the egalitarians can, perhaps, draw some comfort from the fact that we may comic with the D'Oyly Cartebe reaching a stage where the he fulfils a boyhood ambition. has been addicted to Gilbert and Sullivan from an early age hall singer who appeared on the same bill as Grossmith and

his father had been a boy чоргало. soprano.

He played his first Gilbert and Sullivan role (Mad Murgaret in Ruddigore) while a pupil at Altrincham Grammar School and went to see D'Oyly Carte performances when the

company went to Manchester. Subsequently he studied at the Royal Northern College of Music. Mr Conroy-Ward is an unrelenting purist and traditionalist when it comes to business on stage. Audiences will find few deviations from the time-honoured D'Oyly Carte practices although they may notice a new touch of sea-sickness and

hint of John Travolta about

his portrayal of Sir Juseph Porter in Pinujorc. Mr. Conroy-Ward faces a gruelling schedule with a part in every opera in the D'Oyly Carte repertoire, although does have an occasional night off when he hands over to his understudy, Mr Alastuir Donkin, a former solicitor and mayor of Market Drayton, who has also fulfilled a boyhood ambition by joining the D'Oyly

Mr Conroy-Ward will no doubt be praying tonight that there is no repetition of two incidents which have bedevilled performances of The Gondoliers during the provincial tour which preceded the London

hastily summoned from retirement to stand in for them. The second was when a piece of the spaghetti which is traditionally consumed by the Duke of Plaza Toro became lodged in his nostril

But the decision to develop Stansted is sad from every-body's point of view. At Headbrow, Gatwick, ht the proposals "all the "At Heathrow, Gatwick, V" Luton and Stansted all the vir Richard Miles, vice-chair people who sit and suffer from

show prices in gallons By Peter Waymark convert pumps from gallons to Monoring Correspondent kires has been agreed by the Gerages which start selling

petrol in litres must continue to post the price a gallon in order to reduce possible confusion among motorists, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister fr Con-sumer Affairs, announced yesterday.

The system would ensure fair competition and leave motorists in no doubt what they were getting for their money, she added... Mrs. Oppenheim will start consultations soon with trade, and other motoring interacts. A voluntary, programme to

Lords to decide on David Frost tax issue

The Inland Revenue began in the House of Lords yesterday its last attempt to get an income tax assessment on £174,000 of the United States earnings of David Prost, the television personality.
Mr Frost has won rulings from Tax Commissioners, a High Court judge and the Court of Appeal that he is not liable to be assessed for income

liable to be assessed for income tax on the money

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, for the Inland Revenue, told the House of Lords yesterday that in February, 1967, Mr Frost, who wanted to work in the United States while remaining a UK resident, bought a Bahamian shell company. Leander Productions Ltd. His concern was to minimize his tax liability on his United States earnings.

If was arranged that Mr

It was arranged that Mr Frost would receive 95 per cent of the company's profits. No profits for 1969 to 1972 were brought back to the United

Kingdom Mr Frost had so far suc-cessfully contended that the disputed sum was his share of the profits of a trade or business partnership controlled and managed abroad and therefore, not liable to United Kingdom

Without the Bahamian port nership. Mr Frost's earnings in the United States or the United Kingdom would have been taxable, counsel added. Mr Frost contended that because the parmership company

was outside the United King. dom, that altered the whole tax position. That could not be right.
The hearing continues today.

a government ban, but he be-

lieved pressure should be put on the industry to the point of

"The position is not encour-aging", he said. "We want to

get to the position where whisky

leaves Scotland only in the bottle."

Mr. John McColl, a member of the Scottish TUC working group on the industry, said that

they had to protect the name. Scotch "if the industry was

The conference decided that

discussions between the industry

and unions should continue.

not to be destroyed.

industrial action:

Jury in 'vetting' case go to hotel for night

The jury in the trial at the Criminal Court of four people who, the prosecution said, were part of a band of would-be anarchists, retired yesterday to consider its verdict and last night was sent to an hotel for the night. It will resume considering its verdict today.

The trial opened 58 days ago with much publicity after disclosures that a panel of 93 potential jurors had been secretly vetted. The four have denied conspiracy to rob.

Judge King Hamilton, QC. described the disclosure as irresponsible, discharged the panel from serving for that trial, and ordered that a fresh panel be selected and given a similar

four concerts last March, but they lost £52,000. Next year's He also asked the Director of Public Prosecutions to investiseries might have cost more gate the circumstances in which than £70,000 and the council's confidential information about music panel decided that there were better ways of using the the vetting was leaked to the available funds.

HMS Amethyst files to be opened to public being made available under the stages of the Berlin airlift.
30-year-rule.
Under the Public Records Other papers on view for the first time include those relating

to the planning for the Canber-ra bomber; the development of an automatic ejector seat for the RAM; the Corfu Channel-incident with Albonia in Octo-ber, 1946, after two destroyers, HMS Saumarez and HMS Volage, were minded with heavy loss of life; and the early material.

Act, 1958, government depart-ments have to select those papers thought worthy of permanent preservation The Ministry of Defence, which generates more paper-

work than most other departments, employs a staff of more than thirty to select the

Suspended sentence for dead boy's stepmother features as broken bones and severe internal injuries, which were often to be found in

Siddall, aged four, who choked to death after being ducked in a bath of icy water, left Birmingham Crown Court yesterday after being given a suspended prison sentence.
Mrs Joanne Siddall, aged 25,

struck his head on the ground and died six days late as a result of fracturing his skull, an inquest in Leads was told mother of three children, who on Friday was convicted of wilfully ill-treating the child, but on the direction of Mr Mr James Walker, the corner. recorded a finding of accidental Justice Forbes was found not guilty of manslaughter, was given a 12-month prison sen-

Dr Michael Green said that the cause of death was bruising and swelling of the brain and tence suspended for two years. The judge said that it was plain from reports that she was a very good mother when deal-ing with other children. But Geoffrey Anthony Gary Anderson, aged 16, also a market worker, said he re-fused to hit Mr Hallas when asked on November 2. But a

But Geoffrey Anthony Siddall Mrs Siddall's husband and Dale's father, aged 30, who workmate, Mark Waldron, aged 18, eventually did so. He told police that Mr Hallas, aged 26, said: "Go on, it won't hurt." pleaded guilty to the boy's manslaughter, was jailed for four years. He also received a concurrent 18-month term for Det Chief Inspector Gerald Smalley said the matter had can make a case that we are a priority to be sustained in the oil-needy future."

Singuley said the matter had been reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who had advised agains criminal proceed. ill-treating the boy.

The judge said that such

Girl 'would be ill at ease'

comprehensive school head-master said at Croydon County Court, London, yesterday dur-ing the hearing of a claim brought by Helen Whitfield, aged 14. against Croydon educa-tion authority. tion authority. Miss Whitfield, of The Wend.

Coulsdon, is alleging that her former school, Woodcore High School, Coulsdon, contravened the Sex Discrimination Act by not offering her the chance to

The only girl in a class of do woodwork and metalwork. boys would feel ill at ease and it could affect her education, a Woodberry Down School, Fins-Woodberry Down School, Fins-bury Park, north London, said bury Park, north London, said that a solitary boy or girl in a class made up of the opposite sex would feel extremely un-voices. Mr Reed had to be No pupil who stands out can be happy.

were absent in that case.

He was satisfied that when

the boy went to live at the Siddall's home in Linkside

Bretton, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, in November last year, the couple had good intentions of looking after him properly. Unfortunately, he was

clearly a problem child, requiring a great deal of sym-

pathetic understanding, and he

The court had been told that the boy frequently wet and

dirtied himself and had to be

put back into nappies. The

prosecution said he was punished by being tied up with

a skipping rope, whinned with a leather belt, shut in a dark

cupboard and locked out in the

in bitterly

cold

did not get it.

from the rest can be happy.
Mr Marland, called to give
evidence for Miss Whitfiled, said the skills learnt in a craft design course were an essential The hearing continues.

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From Arthur Osman -

Arthur Hall, aged 38, who was sentenced at Nottingham Crown court yesterday to life imprisonment for the murders of a young man and his girl triend last Easter Sunday, was tald by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones: "You should be incarcerated for the rest of your natural life".

The court had been told how he shot the young man in the back of the head from close range and later said: "I did it to put him out of his misery, like I would a rabbit."

The judge told Mr Hall, of Hurst Farm Estate, Matlock, Derbyshire: "You, a man in

normal mental health, destroyed these two young lives in cir-cumstances of brutality and ruthlessness from which the human mind must recoil. These were most horrible crimes and

I regard you as a highly dangerous man". The judge added that he did not propose to recommend to the Home Secretary a minimum period for Mr Hall to serve, and continued: "I regard you as so dangerous a human being that life imprisonment should mean precisely what it says."

He considered that Mr Hall should be held for his natural life " or until such time as your



Arthur Hall: 'highly danger-

Students remain at school longer in South

By Our Education Correspondent portion of children aged 16 to 18 remaining in full-time educa-tion in different local authority areas are disclosed in a statistical bulletin published by the Department of Education and Science. They range from 42 per cent in the London borough of Brent to only 15 per cent in

Gateshead. The statistics, for 1977-78, also show a marked tendency for more pupils to remain in full-time non-rocational education the farther south they live. The staying on rate, whether at school or further education college, starts at 20 per cent in the northern region and rises to 27 per cent in the South-east. The bulletin says that where non-manual workers in an area increasingly worthwhile contrimore 16 to 18-year-olds take. CSE or GCE courses.

Mr Cox added that since June 9, when he made a statement to the police, Mr Hall had spent most of the time apparently wandering about and wrestling with his conscience. On June 9 he told his wife of his involvement. He unsuccessfully attempted spicide by taking 400 tablets. Three days later he gave himself up and said the shooting of the boy was accidental. He said he had been looking for rabbits, was by a wall, heard a noise, turned a wall, heard a noise, turned and fired, hitting the boy. The girl ran off and he ran after her. "I must have hit her with the gun", he had said. TUC call to save

centre for the

disadvantaged

when he was 18 and 23. He had had experience with guns.

girl's mother. They walked from Cromford to where they met

They were reported missing but the bodies were not found until the end of April. The

girl's body was found buried under stones and covered with

under stones and covered with ivy and the boy's, also buried, was about 240 yards away.

Dr Alan Usher, a Home Office pathologist, found that the girl had been violently assaulted and hit with a large stone or shotgun. She had been sexually

The boy had been shot twice

with a .410 gun, first in the chest from four or five feet and

second in the back of the head from within a foot. Mr Cox said: "Re might have survived the first shot if given imme-

diate medical treatment".

Mr Cox added that since

Last Easter Sunday couple went for a walk. couple went for a walk. They were not known to Mr Hall, although he had known the

their deaths.

assaulted.

By Our Education The Trades Union Congress has called on the to reverse its decision to close the Centre for Information and Advice on Educational Disad-

vantage. Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told the House of Commons last month that the fouryear-old quango had not ful-filled the expectations raised at its foundation and that con-tinued grant aid from the Gov-ernment of £300,000 a year would not provide value for money in meeting the needs of

the disadvantaged.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, says in a letter to Mr Carlisle that he finds that claim extraordinary. centre was making a useful and bution in the area of educa-

Whitehall brief: Mr Channon causes consternation

Tories fail open government test

new cuts to eliminate what she described as "bureaucracy and are physically incapable of being a danger to others, man waste wherever it is " at last Thursday's meeting of the 1922 Committee, a survey conducted by The Times has shown that some departments have failed Mr Hall, married, with two teenage children, had pleaded guilty to murdering Lorraine Underwood, aged 15, of Cromford, Derbyshire, and Peter Thompson, aged 18, of Selston, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. to provide the 10, 15 and 20 per cent options for cuts for which she called in June. After the clerk of the court bad obtained his plea to the charge relating to the girl, Mr Hall, standing and flanked by two prison officers, appeared to try to gouge out his eyes.

Mr Michael Heselune. Secre-tary of State for the Environ-ment, who likes to portray himself as an arch cutter, disclosed last week that "the department did not offer any more than the 9.9 per cent cut announced on December 6. "We did not do the 15 and 20 per cent options because Mr Heseltine said there would be a continuing review of func-tions", the official added, Sir Geoffrey Howe. QC, the Chancellor, seems to have acted in a similar spirit of indepen-dence

but he was subdued and held by seven officers. After a short adjournment he returned handcuffed to two officers. Mr Philip Cox. QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Hall had no history of violence, although there were two suicide attempts when he was 18 and 23 He had In a "background briefing' In a "background briefing" released by the Board of Customs and Excise at the request of The Times, the total saving of 42 per cent in the departments for which he is responsible (Treasury, Customs, Revenue and National Savings) would seem to be all that there is going to be because "there is no specific target for further savings, but ministers will ther savings, but ministers will continue to look for ways to reduce the cost of administration by eliminating work".

Those discoveries emerged as part of an inquiry designed to be the first test of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's open government policy. To test such a policy contains and a policy contains a policy c policy certain conditions are

First, the material sought should not be something the KGB has been after for several months. Secondly, it should be common to all departments so that an index of relative

Any meaningful comparison

of the results obtained by pupils

impossible under the present system of grading, according to

Schools Council report pub-

The report recommends the

development of a new system under which grades awarded in GCE and CSE examinations would be based on a common

set of nationally agreed criteria related to specific levels of anainment and mastery of

The present norm-referenced system of grading, under which a set proportion of candidates

is expected to achieve a parti-

cular grade year after year, does not relate directly to

quality and invites grading standards to float, with changes over time in the quality of the entry.

The report has been drawn

up by the Schools Council Forum on Comparability, which

was set up two years ago. It includes representatives of schools, universities, examining boards, the Schools Council,

the Department of Education

and Science and the Schools

Employers, parents and other users of examination results were confused by what public examinations meant and often

attributed far too precise a degree of equivalence to exami-

Inspectorate.

in public examinations

By Diana Geddes

ished today.

National standards urged

for public examinations



Mr Paul Channen: Off to a splendid start.

"major issue of parliamentary interest", where an announcement has already been made, to qualify under the terms of the Prime Minister's open government letter of June 20. The Civil Service manpower curs exercise fitted the bill perfectly. All 32 departments listed in the December 6 annquitement were asked formally, under the June 20 letter, to release their 10, 15 and 20 per cent options: By noon yesterday 21 had replied—three agreeing to the request (Civil Service Depart-

ment, Customs and the Sta-tionery Office), two replying "not yet" (Education and Over-seas Development), and 15 giving a flat " no ".

The Scottish Office compromised, disclosing round figures for the number of posts and the amount of money to be

saved at each level, but refusing to give details. The inquiry got off to a splendid start. Air Paul Channon. Minister of State at the

For example, when employers

or universities required so many "O" or "A" level

"passes" at particular grades in unspecified subjects, they

clearly assumed an equivalence,

in some sense, between different subjects at a given

grade. Yet what precisely that equivalence was was far from

Users tended to define

equivalence of grade standards within a single subject in

terms of mastery of skills and

concepts. Thus, two candidates who had obtained the same

arrained the same mastery of

dates had followed the same

syllabus, had taken the same

examination papers and had attained the same grade, they

might have demonstrated quite

different achievements by hav-

ing answered completely different questions, or perhaps by

having answered the same ques

tions but having excelled in

But even where two

that subject.

different areas.

answers questions on open government in the Commons, released his ministry's docu-ments without hesitation. That generous act caused consternation in the rest of Whitehall.

. The first line of detence wa members of information divi-sions telephoning the Civil Service Department to see if Mr Channon had actually done what The Times was claiming

The second, with two noble exceptions, was to dress up ways of saying "no". For connois-seurs of Whitehall secrecy here is a selection of negative replies and the reasons given

replies aim the reasons given for them:

Agriculture: "The options were purely hypothetical, the decision has been made, and that is the end of the matter."

Treasury: "The Treasury declines to give reasons." (for saying "No"). Initiand Revenue: "Our options are based on budgetary considerations and so they are ministerially confidential."

Employment Group: "Ministers do not feel it appropriate to disciose this information because the options are specularive and include possible policy changes, some of which would need to be announced in Parliament."

Central Office of Information: "The staff side have not had the information. I could not give it to The Times if I have not given it to them, and I have refused to

to The Times if I have not given it to them, and I have refused to give it to them?...

Export Credits: "The manpower exercise is a continuing one?". Home Office: "After careful consideration the Home Office has decided that it is unable to let you have the information you have requested."

With the glowing exceptions of the Civil Service Department.

of the Civil Service Department, Customs and the Stationery Office, Whitehall collectively has failed dismally the first test of the Prime Minister's open covernment policy. If it cannot be open about its own routine internal affairs, what can it be

Mr Boyson 'pitifully ignorant'

Correspondent

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education, showed a "pitiful ignorance" of universities when he suggested that the Government's new policy on overseas students need not lead to a fall in standards, Professor Geoffrey Sims, Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University, said in his address to the university court's annual meeting yester-

In times of economic stress grade in a given subject, regardless of board, mode or vear, were expected to have ship, Professor Sims said. But seldom, i ever, had cuts of such magnitude been imposed; sel-dom had there been such a poorly defined higher educa-tional policy; and never had such action been based on "so curious a hypothesis". Sheffield University could

lose up to 12 per cent of its income because of the Government's decision that overseas students should be charged full cost fees, he said. Adult literacy: Government sup-port for adult literacy is to be

The report calls for a reduction and rationalization of the continued for at least a further three years, and £500,000 is to diversity of syllabuses and examinations and the creation of be made available in 1980-81 for the development of an adult literacy and basic skills unit. Mr Mark Carksle, Secretary of State for Education and Science nationally agreed grade defini-Standards in public examinations: problems and possibilities (Central dispatch section, Schools Council, State for Education and Science, announced in the House of 150 Great Portland Street, Lon-don, WIN 6LI). Commons yesterday.

Nato offers to pull out Compromise formula

13,000 US troops to break Vienna deadlock crisis

a programme of reductions in manpower and arms sought by both sides in six years of diffi-

The initiative was described by Western diplomats as a determined attempt to break the deadlock in force-reduction talks in Vienna and to get an interim agreement signed soon petween Nato and the Warsaw

element in a "large and tom-plicated" package of proposals passed to Warsaw Pact negoti-ators at an informal meeting here, they said.

The withdrawal of 30,000

Soviet troops from Eastern Europe would provide a symbolic start for a thinning-out process, the officials said. The Soviet Union has 31 divisions in East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The Nato package included proposals for a range of associated measures, such as advance warning of manoeuvres

and troop movements and on-site inspections Communist diplomats said nuclear attack, so that a their first reaction was that the offer of an American pullback of 13,000 men was continuing inability to get to

inadequate.

The Nato proposals replaced an original Western plan for a first-phase withdrawal of 168,000 Soviet and 29,000 ing Company, £35):

Vienna, Dec 17.—Nato offered American troops. Nato said the today to pull out 13,000 American troops from West Germany the West was justified because in exchange for the withdrawal Warsew Pact manpower ex-from Eastern Europe of three ceeded total Nato forces by Soviet Army divisions, totalling about 150,000 men. out 150,000 men. The Communist cnegotiators

30.000 men.

If accepted, the plan would said they hoped the new plan represent the first agreed pull-back by East-West forces since pute over Warsaw Pact manthe Second World War. It power figures that has stalled would be the starting-point for the Vienna talks for the past. two years. However, Nato officials said

agreement on manpower figures was still essential even for a limited pullback of American and Soviet troops. Eventually, the two sides hope to agree on cors which would reduce each allisace to total ground forces of 700,000 men Reuter. Teary Stanhope, Defence Henry

Pact.

Nato officials hoped for a Correspondent, writes: Nato quick response because the proposal resembles a with drawal plan tabled by the seven nations of the Warsaw Pact 18 months ago.

The Nato offer was the key releaser in a "large and the proposal resemble and the proposal resemble according to Mr. R. J. Raggett, editor of Jame's Military and the proposal resemble according to Mr. R. J. Raggett, editor of Jame's Military and the proposal resemble according to Mr. R. J. Raggett, editor of Jame's Military and the proposal resemble according to Mr. R. J. Raggett, editor of Jame's Military and the proposal resemble according to Mr. R. J. Raggett, editor of Jame's Military and the proposal resemble according to Mr. R. J. Raggett, editor of Jame's Military and the proposal resemble a with proposal resembles a wi Communications, 1979-

In any future conflict the Soviet Union would put great emphasis on electronic counter-measures to disrupt Western forces, using information gathered through signals

intelligence.

Mr Raggett says it is vital for the West to develop equipment with electronic rounterment with electronic rountermeasures as a result.

Pointing to two areas of particular concera for Nato.

Mr. Raggett says one is the need to develop a communications, command and control system capable of surviving a system capable of surviving a system capable of surviving a

ends Danish

feer a weekend of almen non-stop negotiations, Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Prime Minister, won support for a revised version of his crucial economic austerity package and averted the fall of his government

ms government.

The latest Danish political crisis was brought on by the Government's insistence that controversial provisions for the introduction of a compilsory profitcharing scheme for workers and a worker-controlled investment fund should be passed as part of the overall package.

The main elements in the package include stringent price and incomes controls, and in creased corporation, wealth and property taxes. The economic democracy measures were the price the Trades Union Federation has exacted from the Government for support for its

Unable to gain support for the economic democracy measures in Parliament, and thus facing certain defeat in the House, Mr Joergensen yes-terday performed a remarkable terday performed a remarkable about turn, dropping the measures, and compensacing the dumbfounded unions by watering, down the current incomes freeze to allow for a 10 percent wage ceiling.

Although the news of the rouppromise agreement has been met with stony silence by the unions the general rescrion in Deamark is one of relief that fresh, elections have been

fresh elections have been averted. averted.

The actual reply of the unions is not known as yet but

relations between them and the relations between them and the ruling Social Democretic Party are likely to deteriorate.

Whether the revised Bill will succeed in curing Denmark's economic malaise is open to question.

French vote delays law on abortion From Harry Debelius

Paris, Dec 17.-The French Senate early today rejected a Bill making abortion perman-ently legal in France, only a few days before the temporary law expires. The Government immediately called for a joint meeting of senators and deputies to agree on a text acceptable to both Houses before the Christmas holidays.

The Senate rejection will have no effect on the continu-arion of legal abortions in France because the Netional Assembly has the last word, observers here said. month the Assembly voted to keep the law passed for a five-year trial period. It was unlikely to go back on a decision of less than three weeks ago and a new Bill is expected to be passed by the

The Bill failed in the Senate when the Socialists, who wanted a more liberal law and wanted a more interaction wanted abortions paid for by the social security system, voted against it. The present law allows abortions for women "in a distressed condition" before the tenth week of pregnancy.—

Fireworks injure Italian

customs men

customs officers each had a leg amputated today after a haul of Christmas fireworks, seized in this Italian town, exploded as they tried to defuse them, police said.

The fireworks, about 5,000 rockets and squibs confiscated over the past few days from

King's confusing role

Spain's contradictory foreign policy Perhaps the fact that King Juan

the Prime Minister, flew off in opposite directions last week, leaving the country constitutionally without heads of state or ally without needs of state or government for 24 hours, the situation was symbolic of post-Franco Spain's foreign policy: jet-paced, not highly coordin-ated and with two main pro-tagonists in addition to the

Vorth Alrica Last summer Sevor Suárez visited Algeria and held talks with representatives of the Polisario (Saharan - Liberation. Front) about Moroccan efforts

to annex the former Spanish colony of the Sahaca. That initiative was buried by subsequent efforts by Senor Marcelino Oreja, the Foreign Minister to restore cosy rela-tions with King Hassan of

Morocco. That King Juan Carlos is also

strong man Colonel Teooro
Obyang Nguema, last week
asked the King to underwrite
the entire budget of his administration for the next five years.

Madrid, Dec 17 Carlos receives such a request When King Juan Carlos of is a reflexion of his real authorian and Señor Adolfo Suárez, fity in the Spánish power the Prime Ministra flow att.

The King has been accused domestically of being used to further policies espoused by the ruling Centre Democratic Union (UCD) but such accusations do not seem to have much basis. For example, when Señor Suárez spoke io Polisario ared and with two main protagonists in addition to the
Poreign Minister.

This frequently leads to monfusing, even contractiony the King's last visit to Morocco,
when an attempt was made to
North Africa. Suarez's Algerian visit, further UCD policy?

. It looks as if all three protagonists; the King, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, are acting with consider-able independence, and this independence, and this situation means it is not easy for Spain to make itself under-Even "official" Spanish

foreign policy, as represented by the activities of the Foreign Ministry, is sometimes confus-ing, perhaps because it tries to That King Juan Carlos is also an important figure in Spanish foreign policy is undeniable be all things to all men. Spain's list trips abroad have generally enhanced the prestige of post-cufference in Havana caused rated considerable good will. Yet there is frequently some confusion in the minds of his foreign hosts about his role as it developed, by plain talk from Spain Spain and Spain Constitutional monarch with the spain and spa presence even as an observer. A implication at the last non-aligned nations

it developed, by plain talk from roreign nosts about als role as a constitutional mouarch with Senor Suarez and Senor Creja wirtually no power, at least on to Mr Gromyko, the Soviet paper.

Foreign Minister, during his Equatorial Guinea's new visit to Madrid last month. They made it absolutely clear that Spain considers itself a part of the Western world and would resent Soviet interference in Spanish decisions.

over the past few days from illegal retailers in Foggla, apparently went off as the customs men were dumping them into a river outside the town. Two other officers were also injured by the blast—Reuter.

of the quintuplets, born prema-turely here on Saturday, was

Pornography bores most Danes

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen, Dec 17

The recent publication of proposals for a revision of Britain's obscenity laws came 10 years after the "liberation" of pornography in Denmark an event not marked by any notice-able celebration or even reac-tion on the part of most Danes. Today the topic is somewhat passe and more likely to induce a yawn in the average Dane than any violent frothing at the mouth.

It was in July, 1969 that the Danish Parliament passed leg-islation lifting most restrictions on pictorial and literary por-nography. The Rill, based on recommendations by the permanent Danish Penal Law Commission in 1966, was the work of Mr Knud Thestrup, the Minister of Justice and a much respected churchgoing conserva-

Oddly enough, the catalyst for Denmark's pornography law reform was a ghost from an earlier — perhaps more ele-gantly lewid — era of por-nography, the England of the eighteenth century. It was the acquittal of the novel Fairty Hill by the Danish Supkeme Court in 1965 that ushered in Denmark's short-lived por-nography wave. By 1970, curi-osity satisated, the wave cobbed and Danes hardly mention the chenomenon any more. phenomenon any more.

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divorce laws were reformed,

the unimportant In Britain and the United States, where the reaction has been more vio lent, it has remained an issue

Danish consumption has drastic are also licensed.

ally fallen and it is estimated. Since 1974 all "live shows" that 95 per cent of Danish have been forbidden in Denportography is now produced mark and a law prohibiting the (with English and German sale of pornography involving texts) for export

the first to "free" por Research carried out in Denthe first to tree" por messearch carried out in Dennography?
The Danes and the Swedes, sky, an American sociologist unlike their fellow Scan and others, suggests that pornodinavians in Norway and Fingraphy plays an important role land, have always, been refor the sexually lonely or nowned for their free approach deprived. The researchers say towards relations between the it is difficult to point to any towards relations between the it is difficult to point to any sexes. Danes do not snigger damage caused by pornography pruriently about bodily functions and jokes are not so seem to be a hore. Experiments centred on the sexual on people's reactions to pornography carried out by Professor of liberation and experiment attion in other primers. centred on the sexual on people's reactions to porno-The 1960s were also a time graphy carried out by professor of liberation and experimentation in other spheres. The 1970 revealed that two-thirds of those subjected to a one sex education was made compulsory in schools and free graphy experienced little abortion was being advocated.

With the 1970s, the boom of experimentation and liberalization passed. Pornography reached its zenith and then became a rather trifling freeing of pornography.

The provided has been been been a return to the passed. Pornography offences in Denmark including abuse of children, since the freeing of pornography.

Due to more relaxed attitudes, however, many sexual

opposition to pornography offences, such as attempted at ensured its relegation to rape and exhibitionism, are probably no longer reported to the police. The law still forbids sales to

Sales of pernographic books graphic material. There are about 1,400,000 copies, while magazine sales ruse to about copenhagen and 90 pernographic in 1969. Since then graphy shops or knocks which people under 16 and strictly controls the display of porno

sale of pornography involving children under 16 is to be pre-Why should a quiet prosper texts) for export children under 16 is to be proous, introspective Luther an What is pornography used sented to Parliament within the
country like Dennark become for and what are its effects? next few weeks

Woman held complains of assault She is complaining to the

A woman arrested in last week's anti-terrorism round-up complained yesterday that police had ill treated and assaulted her.

She said she was kept with-

out clothing for 24 hours and painfully manhandled and hit by police officers. She was held for three-and-a-half days under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, was released and has not been charged. Miss Valerie Greene, aged 31.

of Bethnal Green, east London, said she was a supporter of the Hands Off Ireland campaign organized by the Revolutionary Communist Group. Last week a friend, the wife of an Irishman in custody, came to stay

In brief

3 hours 6 minutes.

3-hour barrier

A British Airways Concorde

filew from New ork to London on Sunday in 2 hours 59 minutes 56 seconds.

The average speed for the 2.516.7 mile flight was 1,172 moh. The previous record was

Paul Carberry, aged 17, of Howat Street, Glasgow, was convicted yesterday at Chaster

Crown Court of murdering Mr John Murray, aged 21, on a train carrying Scottish football

supporters to Wembley in May.

He was ordered to be detained

Five armed raiders escaped

with £8.600 after a hold-up at

the ticket office at Stockwell

Underground station, south

Sheila Fell, RA, who was described by L. S. Lowry as Britain's leading landscape

arrist, has died after a fall at death rates of men and married her London home. She was 48. women, much higher than that

during her Majesty's pleasure.

£8.000 Tube raid

London, yesterday.

, Artist dies

Izil for train murder

kicked the door in and arrested her and her friend. At Arbour square police station, cast London, she said, she was stripped and given dirty blankets.

After a day in custody, she said, she was given clothes, but not her own. When she refused to be photographed and finger-printed she was hald be her printed, she was held by her hair and face and made to look

a: a camera. Four policemen lifted her on to a table and she was held face down for fingerprinting. A policeman then slapped her face. Miss Greene produced photographs of bruises and abrasions on her body, and a doctor's re-port giving details of bruises on her legs, chest, back, shoul-

By David Nicholson-Lord Men determine their wives'

life expectancy by "transmit-ring" to them the risks and

stresses of their jobs, it was

suggested at a conference of the British Psychological Society

Mr Ben Fletcher, a senior lecturer at Hatfield Polytech-

nic, said an analysis of statis.

tics on deaths showed a strong

link between a husband's

occupation and his wife's life

expectancy. The explanation appeared to be the wife's in-

volvement in the psychological

climate created by her partner's

job.
The findings were based on

analysis of more than a million deaths during the years 1959-63

and 1970-72 as part of a Medical

Research Council project on suress at work. That produced "standardized mortality ratios"

for different groups of workers

and their wives, age-adjusted

death rates set against an average of 100, in which high figures indicate a low life expectancy.

The study showed an unexpec-

tedly strong link between the death rates of men and married

in London yesterday.

ders, head and arms.

police about her treatment. Scotland Yard said last night that any complaint would be investi-

former nurse, now a student, said she had never had any conract with the IRA. 11 still held: Eleven people were still held yesterday after last week's raids (our Crime Reporter writes). A total of 24

Dublin-born Miss Greene, a

people were held last Wednes-

An application for a writ of habeas corpus is to be heard today in the High Court on behalf of one of the 11, Miss behalf of one of the 11, Miss Jackie O'Malley, secretary of the International Tribugal on Britain's Presence in Ireland.

Men's jobs 'determine life Concorde breaks expectancy of their wives' between men and single women in the same occupation.

The figures for steel erectors and their wives, for example

> 88 (89); lawyers, 93 (98); Armed Forces, 147 (130); bricklayers and labourers, 273 Mr Fleicher said that factors such as social class, the bereavement effect after the death of one partner, and the transfer of physical pollutants like industrial dust from husband to wife, did not adequately explain the link. Occupations in the same social class, for example, showed

large variations in mortality

were 164 and 159 respectively.

Other ratios included : teacher

57 (56 for wives); accountants.

The conference was also told of an experiment by graduate students in the running of a shared house. Points were earned by doing household chores and spent on leisure. such as going out for a meal. earn more than he spent each week. The result, according to Dr John Masterson, of Trinity College, Dublin, was a clean and happy household.

'No Oxbridge bias' claim by Civil Service denied

By Our Education Correspondent

The selection of Civil Service administrators is unfairly biased towards Oxbridge candidates, according to a study of candidates' scores in Civil Service tests carried out by a former statistician in the Civil Service Department.

The study, by Mr Robert Mays, now a research fellow at Nuffield College. Oxford, was presented at a conference of the British Psychological Society held in London yester-

It contradicts the findings of the committee on the selection procedure for the recruitment of administration, set up by the Civil Service Commission. whose report was published last week. The committee said that it was entirely confident the assessed. of the commission's commitment to fair competition and

selection by merit.

The reason why there appeared to be a bias in favour of Oxbridge graduates was because a higher proportion of Oxbridge graduates had firstclass degrees, and a higher proportion applied to become administration trainees. Mr Mays based his report on

an analysis of data on 600 candl-

dates in the 1975 competition

for the recruitment of admini-

stration trainces, including

written test marks and exercise

ratings, subjective assessments of behaviour, and the final grade

the Civil Service Selection Board and the Final Selection

He claimed yesterday that the committee set up by the commission had not carried out any analysis appropriate to the question of bias, Mr Mays found that candi-dates from Oxbridge and private

schools, and men, were given higher Civil Service Selection Board total marks on written tests than their individual scores and ratings seemed to justify. He found even stronger "unsupported bias" in favour of Oxbridge in the subjective assessments of behaviour. "These subjective judgments

cannot be viewed as valid measures of the candidates; indeed they may tell us more about the assessors than about "Among candidates of the same ability as measured by every test, exercise and subjective assessment of personality and intellect, those from

Oxbridge have a better chance of selection in the final judgment", Mr Mays says. The size of the Oxbridge bias could be quantified: decisions were to be based only on written tests and ratings made during selection, then in 1975 about 49 per cent of successful graduate entranta would have had an Oxbridge background. In fact, of those ratings, subjective assessments offered appointments 68 per of behaviour, and the final grade cent had attended Oxford or assigned to each candidate by Cambridge universities.

Camel fall case adjourned

Dorothy Tutin, the actress, at the International Show Jumpwill not know until next year ing Championships at Olympia whether she is entitled to comin December, 1976, was adpensation for the broken back journed yesterday until Febshe suffered in a fall from a ruary 11.

camel during a charity event. An expert on camels is to be

three years ago.

The High Court hearing in half of Mary Chipperfield Prowhich Miss Turin, aged 49, is motions, who deny liability, seeking damages from the camel February 11 is the earliest date owners, Mary Chipperfield Pro on which Mr Justice Centley motions Ltd, over an accident can resume the hearing.

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end of the week. Agence France-Presse.

Foggia, Dec 17.4-Two Italian

Test ban talks adjourn

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bers under anna

pm Andy : 7.00 The Robertson. londie in Juste. 7

Vine agree to reduce use of aerosol gas o protect ozone layer causing increased incidence of

EEC ministers of the environ-

ray cans.

The Nine will reduce the use CFCS in aerosol cans by 30 severely hit by use of the gas.

A considerable percentage of CFCS is used for the manufacture of refrigeration.

the gas, but other member tes, including Britain, mainned that scientific evidence out the danger to the Earth's out the danger to the carting on take a decision on thumber issue to justify such dracon phur dioxide pollution.

Another issue was the need on the import of

lland, it was agreed that the C should monitor the emerg-ce of any new scientific idence and decide before the d of June, 1981, whether even icter controls on CFCS use required.
Some scientific findings sug-st that CFCS thins out the

layer and thus permits Britain contends that satis-ultra violet rays to pene-factory economic substitutes to the Earth's surface, for whale oil are available. me laver and thus permits re ultra violet rays to pene-

West Germany has three ent agreed here today on plants producing the gas. easures to reduce the threat the world's ozone layer from lorofluorocarbons (CFCS), the opellant gas used in aerosol ray caus.

The Nine will reduce the use CFCS in paragraph with the second layer would be reasonable to the second layer from two each, and Italy one. In Europe which buy CFCS and put it into caus, and they would be reasonable his to a hand the

nd the present level.

The Dutch and the Danes gued in favour of a total ban ing equipment and solvents.

The gas, but other member.

The ministers, including Mr Tom King Minister of State at the Department of the Environ

for a ban on the import of primary whale products, mainly sperm oil, to protect the whole

The main resistance comes from the West German en-gineering industry, which uses whale oil as a lubricant, and from Italy's fine leather industry

tion to the west.

claim that perhaps they were the first to export mistletoe to

introduced into Britain.
On the eleventh night after

The modern Breton cuts it a

little earlier than that and be

are concerned, the mistlesse has

soul and of the eternal struggle

in the market places of the

Iretons and Normans in ut-throat competition or favour of British kisses

Mistletoe, that magic source seasonal kisses, has become object of cut-throat competin between the Bretons and rmans, and all because of British marker. Good British mistletoe has

ome increasingly scarce ause British fruit farmers me this parasite out of their ole ochards rather_than let weaken the trees. For some irs now, mistletoe has been pped by the ton from rmandy to meet the British find an excuse for ristmas kisses.

Vistletoe invaded the rmandy orchards nearly 20 ers ago, when the price of oles dropped so sharply that were not worth the trouble harvesting. When British buyers showed

interest in buying their ristmas mistletoe in Norndy, the farmers were happy supply it, cleaning their es and earning pocket money the same time.

the winter solstice me brunes

the winter sols

worth fuelling the tractors world.
ded to collect it, paying for The transport and buying the little

tends to use an axe rather than a sickle. As far as the Normans tut the following year the tons began to invade the tish market and the price become a symbol of the im-mortality of the mean Celtic 10 francs a crate. Last the Bretons sent over so just 1.67 francs a crate.

xtremists kill

were waiting in a parked fired pistol shots at the

r near a bus stop. Later the ce arrested four other

emists after a car chase and un battle in which one of

men was slightly wounded.

olice said the four men

e accomplices who aided the ers to escape. They had con-

rong man

Portugal's local elections repeat swing to right

Rome ambush Lisbon, Dec 17.—Fortugal's centre-right Democratic Alli-ance today took nearly two-thirds of town councils in local ome. Dec 17.—A 24-year-old t, apparently mistaken for a wing lawyer, was killed by nt-wing extremists in a elections. thern suburb of Rome today. Unofficial final returns of olice said that the terrorists.

world.

Sunday's elections showed that the alliance of centre right Social Democrats, conservative centre democrats, monarchists and dissident socialists returned mayors to 196 of the 305 town

councils.
The Socialists, already disheartened from their defeat in the general election, lost heavily ers to escape. They had conmed that the intended victim
Signor Giorgio Arcangeli,
awyer who has defended a
ther of leftists.—AP and Socialists, now control 50 town

councils instead of 37.

last Germans free 22,000 risoners under amnesty stand that the East Germans

m Patricia Claugh on, Dec 17. learly 22,000 people have an released from jail in East many under an amnesty to able to the West Germans who brate the thirtieth anniver-brate the thirtieth anniver-to of the East German state, who they should buy out. y of the East German state, ADN news agency reported

was not known how many hese were political prisoners what chances jailed dissi-its now have of being resed to West Germany. Vest German representatives

negotiating with the East rman government for some arrangement to continue ving out political prisoners.
n recent years Bonn has etly managed to get between 00 and 1,300 political pris-rs a year released and sent the West, sometimes in exinge for spies but usually for

The price, bargained over by st and West German lawyers Herr Erich Honecker, the East a chilling form of cattle- German leader, when they meet a chilling form of cattleding, is reported to have roged between DM30,000 DM30,000 DM40,000 (£7,900 and 1,500) for each person with or her family. The figure res according to qualificaus, age and other factors. During the last amnesty in 2, more than 2,000 of the 000 prisoners freed were owed to leave directly for est Germany. When this tr's amnesty was announced. East Germans called a stop the system and made it clear it any political prisoners uld simply be released with-

envisaged payment of a lump sum for a set batch of sum for a set batch of prisoners. This was unaccept-

Fears that the brying of prisoners had come to an end were partly dispelled last week when Herr Gunter Gaus, the West German chief representa-tive in East Berlin, said that talks on the matter were in

He gave a warning, however, that any publicity about the negotiataious or about indivi-dual cases would seriously damage chances of success. For this reason it appears likely that any agreement would be

kept a close secret. It is thought likely here that the subject will be discussed by Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and

early next year. The reprisal: One of eight people who fled from East to West Germany by balloon last September told a press confer-ence in West Berlin today that his sister and brother-in-law were now in prison in East Germany, having been arrested there a few hours after the

spectacular flight.

The refugee, Herr Peter Strelzyk, said he would be swearing a legal oath later today that neither his sister Maria nor her husband, Herr Repeating it will not be easy. attributed that change to a Italian Dr Keckes is confident, how-series of ecological near 1973-74 ever, that the European disasters in the region during example will not be lost upon the past eight months. from more than 30 countries. Campeche Bay off the Mexican been a milestone in inter-including Britain, when they coast was the most spectacular national perception of the Horst Stetter, had any know-ledge of the planned escape-The West was given to under Agence France-Presse

OVERSEAS

Foreign press lectured on why Iran must expel 'Time' men Nobel man

Tehran, Dec 17

Mr Abolhassan Sadeq walked into the Iranian Ministry of National Guidance this morning with the pained expression of a headmaster forced at last to deal with a persistently unruly class It was clear an expulsion or two was in the air.

in the Persian language contains an underground auditorium that looks uncomfortably like a school hall, and there we waited to hear the worst. Mr Sadeq, Director of Foreign Press at the Ministry, took has place at a desk on a small podium and stared down

at us severely.
"I want to share with you "I want to share with you a but of agony we are going through with regard to the foreign media", he began. "With great displeasure, we are expelling the entire Time magazine cow from Iran."

It mattered little that the "entire" staff of Time in the country numbered just two. In the minds of many foreign correspondents, the Iranian Government was growing more arouse the hatred of the American people. The front very irrational reaction on behalf of the American people."

However, Time has not been the only news organization to feel Iranian wrath in recent weeks. Eight days ago Mr Alex Eftyyoulos, a correspondent for

This was not how Mr Sadeq saw things. There were more than 300 foreign journalists in Iran from more than 30 countries, he said, and they were free to travel and write what they wanted. But Time had gone

tuo far.

or two was in the air.

The Ministry, whose disturbing title sounds less Orwellian magazine, one of which carried Ayarollah Khomeini's assertion that "America is the great Satan". Another copy carried an unflattering portrait of the "Since the problem

hostages has come up. Sadeq said, waving the latest issue of Time in his hand, "this has done nothing but arouse the hatred of the

weeks. Eight days ago Mr Alex air to London, whe Eftyyoulos, a correspondent for arrives a day late.

expelled for allegedly distorting news of the rioting in the Azerbaijan provincial capital of Tabriz.

The British have also fallen foul of Iranian anger. Ten days ago Mr Enayat Ettehad of National Icanian Radio and Television, was sitting in a London botel watching BBC television news when he saw a report from Tehran about the condition of American hostages held in the United States em-

Mr Keith Graves, a senior BBC reporter, described in un-pleasant detail how the hos-tages had their hands bound with rope and were forbidden to talk to each other or receive news from the outside world.
Mr Ettehad immediately telephoned Tehran and instructed Iranian television to refuse BBC crews any further use of satellite facilities. For more than a week now-even though the American networks are allowed to beam programmes live into the United States from Tehran—the BBC has been forced to ship all its film unprocessed by air to London, where it usually

Although Mr Entehad claimed uon to four separate news re-ports, it is clear that a major item of contention is the BBC's Persian-language service, which has a wide audience in Iran. Mr Sadeq indirectly acknowledged this himself when he brandished a sheaf of papers and said that complaints about the BBC's Persian service were arriving in his office from "all

over Iran". The American broadcasting stations did not escape. Mr Sadeq complained that the Columbia Broadcasting System had compared the embassy students with the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gane, and that the American Broadcasting Company had interrupted an interview with the students with a State Department analysis "that would make any Iranian look like an idiot". Mr Sadeq was confident about his broadsides. He loudly referred to the fact that one of the Time correspondents had once worked for the American Central Intelligence Agency. "Yet still I let him into Iran"

Yet still I let him into Iran ", Yet still I let him into Iran", press coverage, a gut reaction e said.
He was referring to Mr Bruce rather than forethought.

research officer in Washington for the CIA in the late 1950s. However, since Time has just secured an interview with Ayarollah Khomeini-the magazine will apparently make him their "Man of the Year"-Mr Van Voorst is not likely to worry too much about Mr Sadeo's remark.

To be fair to Mr Sadeq, there has been no foreign press censorship in Iran and overseas correspondents are allowed to travel where they wish and write whatever they want with out "guidance" from the Ministry. At no time, for instance, has The Times been prevented from reporting on any subject. Mr Sadeq's department has also just proposed a revision to Article 11 of the country's press

laws, the controversial clause that holds foreign correspondents responsible for everything that appears in their newspapers.
But there is sometimes a pettiness about the Govern-ment's resoonse to overseas

will be invited for Tehran jury

Tchran, Dec 17.—Mr Sean MacBride, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, and a French law-yer. M Louis-Edmond Petriti, will be invited to take part in Iran's international tribunal to investigate espionage charges against the American hostages, Tehran radio said today.

Mr Sadeq Qorbzadeh, the Foreign Minister, has said the Government will appoint an international "grand jury" to investigate the "crimes" of the United States and the Shah. In Dublin, Mr MacBride said his participation would depend on the inquiry's terms of reference and on who else was inrolved.

M Pettiti, president of the Paris Bar Association and of the International Organization of Catholic Jurists, said in Paris that he would also have to know the conditions. Neither

Martyrdom theme in Iran's art

From Robert Fisk Tehran, Dec 17

Revolutions and civil wars rarely inspire great art. Picasso's "Guernica", Mexican revolutionary painting and perhaps two of the Soviet realist portraits of Legin are This year the Norman farm-ers tried to corner the market possible exceptions to this general rule.

by sending off their mistletoe at the end of November. The Bretons had thought of that, Iran's revolution has been so sudden and so uncompromising that until now it has produced too. They sent over 36 tons in little more than wall posters the week ending December 2 of Ayatollah Khomeini triumphing over the Shah, a mixture of In Normandy in what is left of the mistletoe trade they speak darkly of the "dis-loyalty" of the Celtic popula-Breughel-like simplicity and comic-strip allegory. -

But the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, a domed The Normans are still not reconcrete structure originally signed to the fact that in recent owned by the Pahlavi Foundayears Brittany has surged ahead with its agriculture and has tion, has just opened an exhibition of Iranian revolutionary art taken the proud title away from Normandy of premier milk pro-ducer in France. that could attract the interest of international critics. . . .

The paintings and sketches— many of them by university students but several by estab-The Bretons, however, can lished Iranan artists dwell almost exclusively on the last days of the Shah's rule and the Britain. For it was there that the Druids, who regarded the mistletoe as sacred because it theme of martyrdom. Many are naive in content but others transmute European influence grew on oak trees, worked out the ceremonies which they later and traditional Iranian style into works of originality. Attendance at the museum

has doubled since the exhibition was staged and visitors include every age group. It is not diffie why

A five-year-old can under-side.
stand the imagery of the great For hundreds canvas that hangs just inside the foyer, a panorama of violent street demonstrations



Manochar Safar-Zedeh's painting gives a new meaning to the traditional martyr figure in Iranian art. Demonstrators carry victims of the Shah's army.

of years. martyrdom has been an essenrial historic theme in Persian Zadeh in which imperial death of Imam Hussein, the soldiers, their faces laughing and distorted like the figures of Munch, confront hundra? mullahs, women, intellectuals and revofollowers.

In another panorama, this with pain as a knife is thrust
red flag of socialism and the time by Alkhas, a Tehran Uniinto her stomach.

in white and mourned by black-veiled women, is carried by his

figure of a martyr while a woman holds out the blueswaddled figure of a child. Habib Sadeghi painted in secret before the revolution and one of his works contains all

the horrors of a medieval Flemish triptych of hell. It is not great art. Tormented bodies writhe in pain amid unburied dead while men flee from the side of the picture. In

migration to the cities, an historical event which ultimately turned much of the population agginst the Shah

In a style strongly reminis-cent of Kokoschka, "Migrashows a line of wraithlike men and women walking hopelessly across a dark land-

Undoubtably the most striking work is by a female artist, Farah Notash. It bears no title but shows a group of women in black veils waiting for news of

Mrs Thatcher

Continued from page 1

the White House lawn.

friends '

to White House

from a large crowd gathered of

Welcoming the Prime Min

ister at the beginning of a two-day visit, President Carter said

Mrs Thatcher and her Govern-

ment had been in the forefront

of those who had belped his

country in every possible way

from the first moment the hos

tages were taken. To further

applause from the crowd, he

said the British were always

staunch allies and staunch

Mrs Thatcher, who was mak-ing her first official visit to the

United States since she became

Prime Minister, wore a royal

from a chill wind which brought

the temperature well below

welcomed

their faces expressionless and their clothes—their whole

bodies-blown by the wind.

In the very centre of this dark child inside her veil. All that is visible of the infant is its tiny arm which reaches up towards the mother's face. The child is obviously wearing a crimson jacket but the arm appears blood-red.

Iraniau painters, however, have clearly experienced diffi-culty in keeping their bitterness mutations are abandoned.

Less effective, though in their way more disturbing, are Bahram Palari's comic-strip paintings in which shrouded bodies hang in the sky, their throats running with blood while crude portraits of Dr Kissinger, President Carter and General Dayan depict them watching the Shab's female relatives entertaining their lavers.

It may be a while before such

Embargo on maize shipments to Zambia ended by order of Governor in Salisbury From Nicholas Ashford

Salisbury, Dec 17

Lord Soames, the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, today ordered the removal of restrictions on the shipping of maize shrough Rhodesia to Zambia. Resumption of maize supplies to Rhodesia's beleaguered northern neighbour are expected to begin in two or three days.

A statement on the lifting of he maize embargo was released by Government House less than two hours before the announcement in London that agreement had been reached on a Salisbury placed an embargo

on the supply of maize to Zambia on November 5 as part of a concerted strategy to put pressure on President Kaunda to ensure that the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance would be part of an agreement reached at the Lancaster House settlement talks in London.

Zambia provides bases and support for the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (Zipra) headed by Mr Joshua Nkomo, and President Kaunda is one of the five "front line" leaders who have been encour-aging the Patriotic Front to participate in a peaceful settle-

'At about the same time, Rhodesign troops, penetrating deep into Zambian territory, blew up a rail bridge on the Tazara rail-way line which connects Zambia

After persuading 17 Mediter-

the technicians and scientists

ranean countries to cooperate yet to be worked out in detail in controlling land-based pollubur would include a pilot prition. Dr Stjepan Keckes, ject to control pollution in the director of the regional seas Bay of Havana and quite pount of the United Nations Sibly the establishment of

Environment Programme, has centre for environmental set his sights on the Caribbean.

The Mediterraneau agreement, which is to be signed at Athens in July, is one of the few success stories to date in gramme because he had sensed the field of international pollution control.

meet for preliminary discus- of the accidents. It was still

By Tony, Samstag

with the Tanzanian port of Dar the dispersal of a rally organes Salsam, thereby severing the country's only other main access Because of last year's disas-

trous harvest, Zambia is short of about 300,000 tonnes of maize, its staple food. President Kaunda, has said that maize stocks would run out by the end of February if a settlement was not reached in Rhodesia. Lord Soames had come under considerable criticism for fail-

ing to lift the maize embargo as soon as he took over his post as Governor last Wednesday.
The Governor still has not

agreed to remove the ban on the Pacriotic Front and its two political components, Zanu and Zapu, although a decision on this is imminent now that agreement has been reached on a ceasefire. Today a Salisbury court sen-

tenced three supporters of Mr Meanwhile, the first indica-Robert Mugabe's Zanu to eight rion that Lord Soames intends strokes of the cane each for to allow free entry by journa-taking part in an illegal pro- lists during the transitional cession, and 11 others received period became apparent today fines ranging from £17 to £40.

A British spokesman said Lord Soames had been made the first newsman from a com-aware of what happened but munist country to have visited had no further comment. However, the British team has been Declaration of Independence in making it clear since arriving that the law concerning these proscribed organizations will be previous Administration, not-enforced until that law is reably from Scandinavian counvoked by the Governor. trie Police have already ordered in.

Move to clean up the Caribbean

yet to be worked out in detail,

but would include a pilot pro-

ject to control pollution in the Bay of Havana and quite pos-

governments concerned. He

the past eight months.

The runaway oil well at

sions at Caracas on January 28. leaking 5,000 barrels of oil a The Caribbean scheme has day and, in terms of oil spill-

Cadizes.

ized by the Zapu wing of the Patriotic Front and raided Zapu's offices, but no Zapu supporters have appeared in coun as a result.

The existing British South
Africa Police forces will con-

tinue to be responsible for maintaining law and order during the transition between a ceasefire and elections. Because of the Rhodeslan police's paramilitary role, how-ever, a team of 18 retired

senior British police officers has been brought in to observe that the police are impartial towards the various political

At the weekend 15 of the officers, acting in groups of three, were sent to five provincial centres around the country. They will be responsible to Sir James Haughton, the Governor's police adviser. Meanwhile, the first indica-

age, if not direct damage to

coastal areas, would end up totalling almost 600,000 tons,

the equivalent of two Amoco

There had also been two

Such accidents tended to

significant oil spillages in the

Caribbean from lost tankers near Tobago and Antigua.

create "psychological turning points" in the bureaucratic

mind Dr Keckes said. The Italian cholera outbreak of

1973-74 had made Europeans

aware of the appalling conditions in the Mediterranean, and the Amoto Cadiz itself had

dangers of oil pollution.

perception of the

Welcoming ceremonies in Washington for heads of government and state are an occasion for American presidents to to allow free entry by journawax lyrical about the close ties between the United States and the nation represented by the with the arrival in Salisbury of visitor. President Carter has a journalist from Poland. He is always been more effusive in his praise than many of his predecessors and today was no ex-Rhodesia since the Unilateral cention. It was to Britain that the 1965. Several other journalists who had been banned by the

United States owed its heritage, political faith and civilization, Mr Carter said.
After her talks with Mr Carter and his foreign policy advisers at the White House,

Mrs Thatcher was meeting Mr Harold Brown, the Secretary of Defence. She travels to New York omorrow to see United Nations officials, including Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General, and to address the

American Foreign Policy Association. Ayatollah firm: Ayatollah Khomeini tonight diminished hopes that the American hoses rages might be spared a spy trial (Robert Fisk writes from Tehran).

Speaking in Qom, he appeared to contradict the Iranian Foreign Minister who yesterday mas

suggested that some prisoners might be sent home for Christ-Tonight the Ayatollah repeated his original demand. "Give us the criminal (Shah) and we will release the hos-tages", he said. "Otherwise we

will my them."

Nuclear powered aircraft carrier for Soviet Navy

From Richard Halloran Washington, Dec 17

plan to assemble a powerful 15,000 tons, deep water navy, according to Sea trials defence officials here.

They said that the head of the Soviet navy, Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, recently acknow-ledged to American diplomats in Moscow that the ship was

been rumours. Naval experts said the ship would be similar in size to the Whited States carrier Forrestal, which displaces 78,000 tons when fully loaded and carrying 85 aircraft. The Soviet Union has two 43,000-ton carriers and two more are being built.

The experts expected the Soviet Union to build four or five of the large aircraft carriers and to surround them with other warships to form battle groups, in the American manner, to project Soviet naval power anywhere in the world. Officials also disclosed other recent developments that add to the Soviet Union's transformation of its navy from a coastal defence force to a worldwide ocean going navy.

The developments included The Soviet Union is building four new classes of nuclear its first nuclear powered attack powered cruisers, one a 30,000-aircraft carrier, marking a ton vessel. The largest Soviet major step forward in Moscow's cruiser, at present, displaces Sea trials are being held of

dive to more than 2,000ft-twice the depth achieved by an American submarine—and to steam at 42 knots, faster than any Ameriunder construction. There had can vessel. Construction of a new class of large, heavily-armed logistics craft will enable Soviet warships to operate far from home

without reliance on foreign There is heavy capital investment in the expansion and re-furbishing of shipyards, which is the most indicative of Soviet intentions to expand its navy. Only about half of the present capacity of these shipyards is

being used. To overcome the drawback of her ice-bound ports, the Soviet Union has built a 40,000-ton reas large as any in the American fleet and naval experts here say they have evidence that two more will be built.—New York

Times News Service.

Warsaw Mass for victims of food price riots

tonight to honour the memory years ago.

Police arrested Mr Adam can frian's church in an attempt to silence the demonstration for the victims of the bloody

Dissident sources said Mr Michnik was later released by police. He was the seventysixth dissident detained by police in a week-long round-up preceding the anniversary.

As unofficial opposition groups prepared for the memorials last week, police detained more than 100 persons. Some were released within the legal limit of 48 hours but most others were still in custody Dissidents had advertised the

Warsaw, Dec 17.-About 1,000 Roman Catholic service at the people packed a Warsaw church Franciscan friars' church as a requiem Mass for the workers of Polish workers who were who died in the rioring in killed in food price riots cine Poland's Baltic port cities. The service turned out to be a normal Advent Mass, and the Michnik, a prominent dissident officiating priest made no men-historian, outside the Francis-tion of workers shot by police on orders of Poland's communist leaders.

After the Wass ended, a dissident stood up in church and called on Poles to cherish the memory of the dead workers Tomorrow, dissidents planned to lay a wreath at the shippard gate in Gdansk, where workers proclaimed nine years ago that they would fight against the food price increases.

Miss Anka Kowalka, speaking for the dissidents, said 14,000 posters were put up in Warsaw to advertise the Masses and wreathlaying ceremony.—AP

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the Alpha submarine, which has a titanium hull allowing it to

From Charles Harrison Nairobi, Dec 17

The Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops in the Sey-chelles have issued a joint pastoral letter expressing concern about the situation in the islands, where over 80 people were recently arrested and detained after President Albert René announced the discovery René announced the discovery of a plan to overthrow his government with the assistance of

A curiew is still in force and security remains right. Heavily armed Tanzanian troops, who have been in the islands since the 1977 coup which brought President René to power, man roadblocks and patrol the main island, Mahé.

The Soviet guided missile cruiser Marshal Voroshilov left Victoria, the Seychelles capital, a few days ago after being anchored off the port for two

weeks.
Travellers arriving from the islands say the situation there remains tense. The Seychelles are Seychelloise except for a Club, a prominent institution in the centre of Victoria, was closed at the weekend when adviser to the Seychelles police. members were told the govern-ment had taken it over for use as a youth centre.

Business is depressed and although horeis are fully booked with tourists for the Christmas season there are fears that the

Mgr Felix Paul, took the excep-tional step of issuing a letter saying they have been unable tributed.
to discover how many people Diplomatic sources report have been detained and that that France has ordered the rethey have been denied access call of its six technical assistant

"We ask that justice be one," they state, adding: We wish to make it clear that we do not approve of violence and that we do not approve of a plot to kill anyone. But we cannot approve of injustice or a situation which is contrary to human rights."

The letter is published in the Roman Catholic newspaper, L'Echo des Isles. It fills the back page of the latest issue. It was learned today that the names of 87 people detained had been smuggled out of the main prison in Mahé and that the list had already been supplied to Amnesty International

in London. Amnesty is under-stood to be approaching the Seychelles Government for in-formation on the situation. The list includes Mr Chancry Chetty of former Sevenbelles The list includes Mr Chaucry Chetty, a former Seychelles Finance Minister, Mr Gilbert Hoarau, the Chief Immigration Officer, and Mr Bernard Verlaque, editor of the independent newspaper Weekend Life. All

French subject, M Jacques
Chevalereau, who was an
adviser to the Seychelles police.
One man who was detained,
Mr Albert Bedier, has been released and is now in London.
He said he was given no reason for his arrest and detention for three weeks, and was never interrogated about the alleged

tourist industry, mainstay of the Seychelles economy, will suffer in the New Year.

The Anglican Bishop, the Right Rev French Chang-Him, and the Roman Catholic Bishop, number of anonymous leaflets. attacking the René Government which have been widely dis-

to the prison.

They express concern for the families of those detained and ask that they be brought to court if there are charges against them, otherwise they should be freed.

call of its six technical assistance personnel working in the Seychelles and has also asked the Seychelles Government to release M Chevalereau, who was recently named by President René as the leader of the plot to overthrow his Government.



Point taken: Herr Brandt (right) and Mr Heath answeringquestions on the world aid report.

Trade levy idea to aid Third World

By Roger Berthoud Internetional taxation on trade, minerals from the seabed and armaments is the most striking proposal pro-duced by the Brandt Commis-sion forr reducing world ine-qualities and boosting aid to

developing countries.

The conclusions of the Indenendent Commission on International Development Issues, as it is formally called, were outlined yesterday in London by its chairman, Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor. The 18

man Chancellor.

The 18 Commission members, most of whom were present, included two former Prime Ministers (Mr Heath and Sweden's Mr Olaf Palme), Mrs Katharine Graham, pub-

lisher of the Washington Post. and senior politicians and economists from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

and Latin America.

Herr Brandt said too few of the world's richer countries had lived up to their promise to give 0.7 per cent of their national product as developmen assistance. That should be achieved by 1985, and 1 per cent by the end of the century. More countries should join in, on a sliding scale related to national income. national income.
New methods were needed

to increase funds. A modest levy on international trade, seabed minerals and arma-ments—"objectively the most

General, will rben elaborate on the report in LQONDON.

In his summary yesterday, Herr Brandt said the present system of financing develop-ment failed to meet urgent including the monetary system and means of inpancing de-

needs. Many countries needed broader loans, for programmes as well as projects, than the World Bank could provide, and many East European countries remained outside its structure. The Commission proposed, therefore, a new universal development institution, with broader participation—a world

Faced with the impending seabed minerals and armaments—"objectively the most wasteful of all forms of spending"—might provide such additional revenue.

The Commission's ideas will be set out in detail in its report, to be presented in February to Dr Kurt Walkheim, the United Nations Secretary. The Secretary and conservation of energy supplies; an efficient world food programme; the Commonwealth Secretary-

and means of musicing development.

Both Herr Brandt and Mr.
Heath were convinced that the economic development of the Third World would be of great benefit to the industrialized countries, despite the imme-diate problems of increasing such Third World imports as textiles.

To generate the political will

for a global economic bargain, the Commission arged the convening of a new kind of summit conference, involving a limited number of national leaders from the world's main regions. Herr Brandt suggested that

the head of government of a neutral country might help with the soundings for such a with the soundings for such a meening, after consultation with Dr. Waldheim.

North and South, Herr Brandt and his colleagues reterated, had a far greater mutual interest than they commonly recognized in achieving economic revival together.

No decision yet on future of

5,000 prisoners Kampala, Dec 17.—The Ugandan Government has: not decided what his do with 5,000 detainees believed to have been either members of the Amin secret police or criminal elements in his Army, Mr Steven Ariko, the Justice Minister, said Mr George Sentama Commis-Mr George Sentamu Commis-sioner of Prisons, said 4,000 of the prisoners were housed in appalling conditions at Luzira prison outside Kampala.

From Richard Wigg

East block accused of failing to aid refugées

From Peter Hazelburst
Tokyon Dec. F

The confrontation between the fending Communist armies of Indo-China has upriored The confrontation between the feuding Communist armies of Indo-China has upinoted aginost one antilion refugees in South-East Asia, but the Soviet Union, and other communist nations have done little or nothing to elleviate their pagent, Mr Poul Harding, the Tunted Nation's High Commassioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said noday.

Suggesting that the Western alies and Japan have been for the future of the refuture of the future of the future of the refuture of the future of the refuture of the future of the refuture of the refuture of the future of the refuture of the refuture of the refuture of the future of the refuture of the refuture of the refuture of the future of the refuture of the future of the refuture of the future of the future of the refuture of the future of the refuture of the future of the future of the future of the refuture of the future of the f

when we look towards from Indo China are still wait assistance for refugers in the South-East Asia, then the Milaysia and other South-East United States is the number. Two donor this year is Japan. The number two donor this year is Japan. The number of the future programme in South-East Asia. The future programme in Southare not yet on the list of donor-countries, if I may say so , he said.

Mr. Harting said he feared

in South-East Asia every given the choice of moving to mooth and resettled around a Their refugee camp or moving the world.

Arrivals hive gone down ment back into Kampuchea, and departures have gone up have chosen to return in the If that situation continues then the problem will be under control in a year or two. You just have to look at the statistics. I across a dried up stream bed thange Mr. Hartling said the officials at the vast refugee UNHCR's major problems, Mr. camp at Khlo I-Dang, eight Hartling said some 200,900 miles inside Thailand, fear that refugees win crossed into Bangladesh in retent years are launched a videly predicted being resettled in their former ordensive in norma-western villages in Barana.

Kampuchea, there would be a

extends togothe parts of the woold IWC and tipoling with four million refugees in Africa, Hundreds of thousands

rapidy. As many as 60,000 people were arriving every month during the early part of the yea. At the same time an average of 9,000 refugees were moyed out of camps and resertled in other countries."

Origin satisfied: Oxfam said trades that it was excited with today that it was satisfied with the distribution of its aid sup-

Mr Herting said he feared today that it was satisfied with that the organishation's funds the distribution of its and suppare being rapidly depited by the in Kampuchea and was inhe growing numbers of refligges in the world and that the form the Vietnam-backed Government in Photo mPenh. Mr Geoffrey Basby, the Culated that \$100m (about 546m) would cover our budget this year but we now realize we will have to speed \$50m that it might reconsider its this year and another \$400m that it might reconsider its role in the relief effort because very little of its food at growing number of refus and war bemog distributed in gees from Vietnam escaped in Bast Asia in October and November At present as many as 25,000 Vietnamese, refugees are being moved out of camps Themsaods of Kampucheas. Tens of Themsaods of Kampucheas, in South East Asia every given the choice of moving to mooth and resettled around a Their refugee Camp or moving the world.

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Begin coalition forced to amend abortion law

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Dec 17

A controversial amendment to, the Israel's abortion laws was pushed through the Knesset today by 58 votes to 53.

The amendment was forced on Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, by a handful of ultra-orthodox deputies. They threatened to withdraw thetr support unless the coalition ended the right of Israeli women to secure legal abortions

A month ago the coalition and black hats. came close to collapse when it failed to secure the first readng of the Bill after a tied vote of 54 to 54. As a result, Mr. Begin took a political gamble and made the issue a vote of confidence in his Government.

As the packed public galleries of the Knesset indicated, tomany people the real issue was the increasingly pervasiv influence on israeli society of the affected by the change in the law will mostly be from the law will be Agudat Israel party when it azreed to back the coalition after the 1977 election. It has already secured a lew permit-

day's debate was felt to have a significance far beyond the Reform of the abortion laws was one of 36 religiously-motivated demands made by the

faces metal

sale charges

Delhi, Dec 17.—Sanlay Gandhi, son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Indian

Gandhi, the former Indian Prime Minister, was accused today of the illegal sale of iron and steel acquired for use in his failed Maruti car manufacturing project. The case was registered today by the Central Russus of Investigation

Mr Gandhi who is cam-paigning in northern Uttar Prodesh state for next month's general election is aleged to have illegally sold part of 6,066

ton of iron and steel which had

been for use in the plant between 1971 and 1975.

He aiready faces at least 20

cases before the courts, most of them arising from alleged Adelaide, said research was menther his mother's 21-month emergency rule wombat.

ting religious women to avoid national service, and now plans to press hard for legislation which will make it much more difficult for doctors to carry out

post-mortem examinations.

The growing political influence of orthodox politicians, many of them rabbis, is causing resentment. This afternoon at the Knesset demonstrators chanted the slogan "down with Khomeiniism" at orthodox Jews arriving to attend the debate in their long black coats and black have

After the result was announced, Mrs Shulamit Aloni, a deputa tebteseutiui movement, told reporters:
"This vote has shown that our nation is now run by the ultraorthodox who are anti-zionist. laid down the law and Begin's coalition has obeyed their com-

affected by the change in the lower income groups. An indication of the public mood on opinion poll published this the issue was shown in an morning. Of those questioned 70 per cent came out against the amendment compared with only 20 per cent in favour.

Mrs Gandhi's son | Cattle grazing threatens

The Oueensland hairy-nosed

wombar is facing extinction because of cattle grazing. There are tewer than 40 of the creatures left in Queensland's Epping Foest National Park, according to Mr M. Gaughwin,

an Adelaide research worker.

Mr Gaughwin says that the

wombat needs abundant food at critical rimes of the year for

ovulation and lactation. Because of cattle g azing the fond source was threatened.

Mr Gaughwin, who was asked by the Queensland Gov-

ernment to supply information

about his work on another member of the species pear

Melbourne, Dec 17

survival of rare wombat

Lesotho Premier hints at **Border tensions** take Pakistan first election since 1970 envoy to Kabul

From Our Correspondent

Islambad, Dec 17 The Foreign Ministers of Pakistan and Afghanistan are to meet in Kabul this weekend, apparently to try to re-duce tension and pave the way for a possible meeting between President Zia ul-Haq of Pakis-tan and President Hafizullah Amin of Afghanistan.

would visit Kabul on an invi-tation from Mr Shah Wali, Afghan Foreign Minister. It gave no purpose for the visit.

The Soviet-supported regime in Kabul accuses Pakistan of arming and training guerrillas for mountain warfare in Afghanistan. Pakistan has denied the allegation and asserted that the Kabul regime has pushed into Pakistan close to 400,000 refugees so far who severly strained the country's economy, already precarious. Pakistan has also been blaming Afghanistan for bombing, shelling and massing troops near the Pakistan border.

A spokesman for the National Parks and Wildlife Department, said the survival

of the wombats was being t eated as a matter of urgency.
A wildlife officer had been instructed to negotiate wit land holders to have the wombat area fenced off. Tony Sanistag writesh The

word wombat, which is derived

from one of the Aboriginal languages, describes a burrow-

ing, herbivorous marsupial,

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Dec 17 Chief Leabua Jonathan, Prime Minister of Lesotho, has hinted that he is willing to call a general election for the first time since 1970.

He gave no indication as to when the election would be held, but said he was confident that his Basotho National Party announced here today that Mr Agha Shahi, foreign affairs adviser to the Pakistan leader, would visit Kabul on an invitable of the sortion would visit when he dropped his

The talk of an election came as Chief Jonathan's para-mili-tary Police Mobile Unit is embroiled in bitter fighting with rebels of the Basotho Congress Party (BCP), directed by the exiled party leader. Mr Ntsu Mokhehle

Lesotho was granted independence in 1966 and the first BCP supporters. election in 1970 was won by the BCP. Chief Jonathan that, despite the trouble in the declared the result after alleging intimation of voters. Mr Mokhehle was detained for several months before bein afreed and going into exile. He lives now in Zambia and Botswana.

Since 1970 there have been

frequent clashes between BCP rebels and Chief Jonathan's forces. The most serious were in 1970 when five police stations were attacked during an attempted coup by the BCP. More than 50 people were killed by the Police Mobile Unit in follow-up operations. In the latest clashes on killed by the Police Mobile
Unit in follow-up operations.
In the latest clashes on
Lesotho's northern border
with the Orange Free State at
least 20 people have been
killed. According to the South
African Government, more
than 500 refugees, main't old
people, women and children,
have fled across the Caledon
river into the Orange Free
State, where they are being

Chief Jonathan is also a member of the Molapo family, which
comes from the morth of
Lesotho, while Mr Masirebane's
family dominates the south.
There has always been some
degree of political rivalry
between the two clans.
Contrary to an earlier agency
report published in The Times
on Saturday, both Mr Molapo
and Mr Maseribane are still in
Lesotho.

about three feet long, that is probably related to the emore familiar koala beat. The koala is arboreal whereas the wom-New Kuomintang head | Sardinia bandits shot Taipei, Dec 17.-Mr Y. S. Taipei, Dec 17.—Mr 7. S. Muoro, Sardinia, Dec 17.—Trong, the Taiwan Foreign Iwo men, wanted for nurder, Minister, took over today as Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, the ruling Nationalist Party, His successor as minister bandits in a remote part of will be chosen on Wednesday. but has adapted to its different way of life by losing its tail, developing a large leathery muzzle and great strength in its legs and feet.

sheltered in a temporary camp at a rown named Berhlehem. South Africa has called on the United Nations to give eid to the refugees, but if its experience during 1975 and 1976, when it took thousands of refugees from Angola into Namibia (South West Africa), is anything to go by the request will be

ignored.

Chief Jonathan has claimed that South Africa is aiding and arming the BCP rebels and also refugees are political that the refugees are political fugitives who have been helped to flee from Lesotho in South African police vehicles.

His suggestion that he will

win fresh elections because of the women's vote has interested observers. More than 200,000 able-bodied Basotho men, out of a total population of 1,200,900, work in South Africa, most of them in the gold mines.

that, despite the trouble in the north, the capital was quiet, aithough more police than usual are on the streets. The sources said that Chief Jonathan's election hint indicated that he was confident that both he and his party would be returned to

power. His chief rivals for the leadership are Mr C. D. Molapo, the Foreign Minister, and Mr S. Maseribane, the Deputy Prime Minister, both members of the Basotho National Party's "old

guard". Chief Jonathan is also a mem

Nuoro, Sardinia, Dec 17.— Iwo men, wanted for murder,

India's rural vote stays uncertain younger student son of the vin-late's leading facily remarked. "How can the people in the village approve"? he asked. Karamaka i sone of the most In a South Indian Village, Dec. A Harijan (formerly Un-touchable) woman comes out of her hut. She has overheard

or ner not. She has overneard
me asking her husband how he
will vote in India's general
election next month, and interjects: "Why should we vote
for anybody? Who has done
what for poor people here?"
With that she rushed off th round up, some straying goats. India's politicians indduged themselves in Delhi last-summer when the Janaca Government broke up, throwing over-based on political parties.

Villagers disillusioned by MPs' changing

allegiance see politics as dirty business

But India's grassroots voters But India's grassroots voters:
have not been fooled. There
are signs of widespread disillusionment as the politicians
come back to ask for their
votes again and the lacklustre
quality of this general election
campaign shows the politicians
very well know it.

sage from a weekend spent "canvassing" in this Karnatake village, where I had stayed earlier this year. It is a pretty but very poor village, all but half a dozen families being landless labourers or smallholders. Only a quarter of the agricultural land is inj-gated, but mercifully, the rain god was kind this monsoon, as the villagers put it. the villagers put it.

Eighty per cent of the votes.
India's urban-based pullticians are seeking next month come. from the rural areas, which they traditionally regard as an inexhaustible "vote bank". "Politics is a dirty husiness

At any rate, this is the mes-

Karamaka i some of the most interesting states in this election campaign; the villagens find themselves faced by two Congress parties, Mrs. Indica Gapthi's and that of Mr. Devaraj Urs, Karamake's populist but allegedly corrupt Chref Minister, who is now the national president of the anti-Gandhi Congress. The 600 voters of the village elected an MP to Delhi for an undivided Congress in March, 1977, the son of a wealthy further state assembly speaker.

ment collapsed in faraway Delhi, and everyone in the vil-

Dethi, and everyone in the village knew it.

The man who really counts stronger going for Mss Gandhi from omside the village is the in the yillage. It calculate state assemblyman, who has only three or four of the Harriswitched from Janata to the jan families will not vote for Congress of Mr Urs. The Mis Gandhi, the chairman to talk to assemblyman came to talk to in about what he should do harden told me.

Is about what he should do harden the only hope after Janata son. Most of us go and ask was to join Mr Urs, that way the chairman's family before the village night beneat. The post jone of them said!

But the Janata men were All those who vote as the keeping their eyes open. We can man advises know they criticize the politicians, and will get work for the months then we go meekly and vote when their own food stocks for them we of the bury and vote with the we will age in the village needs? one of dis viral vote, the dominant

chayat (the equivalent of the parish council) and the village's leading farmer is busily organizing the 85 per cent vote he says he expects for Mrs

Gandhi. Aged only 30 he has one personal advantage. As Mrs Gandhi was down last year, I remember that he still supported her unwaveringly. He thinks that her younger son, Sanjay, "belongs only in jail", but asks: "But why should we punish the mother for her,

1977, the son of a wealthy further state assembly speaker. His mones cojes from owning the district bus service, which is the villagers main link with promises in the elections the urban world.

But after Janata's victory, a couple of the villagers higger farmers founded a Janata faction. They were crushed, silenced, as the Desai Government of the villager too, could not deliver any too, could not deliver any

the village needs? one of dia's rural vote, the dominant them said. We know we'll be factor next month; is unusually now our local state assembly the village needs, one of dis rural vote, the dominant man, who one year ago was them said. "We know we'll be factor need month is unusually attacking the Chief Minister as forgotten on the election night, fluid and critical this time. The a 'triend of snugglers," has when the politicians will be in with is the politicians of all quir the Janata Parry and now. Bangalore and there'll be drink parties are whisting in the neamed up with bin," the and promittees, too."

Moscow Jews see first Yiddish theatre since Stalin

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Dec 17

The past two weeks have seen an event of enormous sigauthentic Jewish theatre group has been allowed to perform works written and sunz in Yid-dish to capacity audiences in central Moscow theatres,

The group is the Jewish Musical Theatre, founded two years ago in Birobidjan, the Jewish autonomous region in the far east of the Soviet Union. In spite of initial opposition from senior party offi-cials, it has been allowed to come to Moscow on a tour of Soviet cities with large Jewish populations.

The two works, an opera called A Black Bridle For The White Mare, and a more lighthearted musical review called Let's All Do It Together, have been widely praised by the Soviet press. The group has been hailed as an "important milestone in the cultural life.

have been indications that the ingly worried by the assimilagroup has received the official tion of Soviet Jews and the blessing of the cultural authori- rapid disappearance of their

ties at the highest level. There have been only half a in Moscow. For the first time dozen performances of the two since the Stalinist era an works, and the audiences, overwhelmingly Jewish, have been few Soviet Jews, even though enraptured. Clapping as tradi-tional Jewish dances were seen exists—and create a troupe that on stage for the first time in many years, they gave the troupe prolonged and emotional

A number of well-known Jewish activists and dissidents attended. One, Professor Alexander Lerner, said he thought some specifically Jewish fea-tures in the musical review had been toned down, but it was still a happy and recognizably vibrant expression of Jewish

Soviet press. The group has been hailed as an "important of the multinational Russian federation", by the influential head of the Russian Republic's Union of Writers, and there is really the border was designated by Stalin border was designated by Stalin the theatre on tour after the that the Soviet authorities results opening in Birobidgan, but he theatre could reflect opening in Birobidgan, but he theatre on tour after the theatre opening in Birobidgan, but he well on official cultural policies of the Russian Republic's choreographer. As a member of the Bolshoi, he was increased a performance, which attacked abroad. Union of Writers, and there the Bolshoi, he was increas cent.

traditional culture.

He decided to found a group could compare with those of the Georgians, Armenians and other Soviet national groups.

There were formidable difficulties. Expressions of Jewish culture have frequently been condemned or suppressed in the and dances of the turn of the Soviet Union, and the emigra- century. tion movement has worsened the already delicate position of many Jews here.

A number of established actors of fewish origin were The group is giving a special unwilling to jeopardize their performance for officials of careers by throwing their lot Goskonsert, the monopoly impressario organization that in 1977 he got permission of licenses Soviet and analysis of the source of the s Goskonsert, the monopoly impressario organization that in 1977 he got permission to set up a theatre in Birobidjan. This region on the Chinese. The theatre is really the border was designated by Stalin border was designated by Stalin

Official policy is still to encourage Jews to settle there, however, and the Covernment was obviously pleased with a proposal that would prove Jewish culture was alive in the

Mr Sherling toured the country for seven months interviewing prospective actors and has now assembled 25. He invited old Jewish people who still knew Yiddish to teach his troupe the language, and started writing an opera that would incorporate Jewish songs

Surprisingly, he invited Mr Ilya Glazunov, a controversial design the decar and sets. Mr charge.

Glazunov, who is also interested in the Russia of that period, accepted His designs have been But it is clear that it was only praised by the critics.

was given wide unofficial publicity, in a palace of culture in a Muscow suburb.

Both he and the authorities took a gamble. There were no embarrasing displays of Jewish nationalism, and the way was open for authorized performances in the city centre. The Jewish Musical Theatre

has been given government money to develop. Mr Sherling is planning to get a prominent American-Jewish writer to cooperate in writing a new opera he wants to stage next year on Bar Kokaba, the Jewish hero of Massada in ancient Israel. century.

Surprisingly, he invited Mr thente of becoming a governllya Glazinov, a controversial ment propaganda showpiece,
and semi-official artist, who has Mr Sherling, a dynamic and
been known to voice strongly multi-talented man of 35 who lives in Moscow, rejects the

tered "difficulties" at first. But it is clear that it was only after he had personally over Mr Sherling wanted to take come the bureaucratic obstacles

Pardon for man in NZ double murder case

From Our Correspondent Wellington, Dec 17 A man convicted at two ried couple in a lonely farm-house in 1970 was free fought after a Queen's pardon was

announced.
Arthur Allen Thomas, around whom one of New Zea-land's most tortuous and protracted legal battles has reged, served eight years of a life sentence for the morder of Mt. Harvey Crewe and his wife Jeanette.

seems that injustice may have been done Mr Thomas, a farmer heighbour of the Crewes, maintained his innocence of the showings from the start and an active. committee in his deferce kept the affair constantly before the public. Its agreeion helped to secure a retrial in 1973, but at this the original confiction was nabeld. Two referrals week the Grown's contention that Mr made to the Court of Appeal. Thomas came upon the Crewes but these and approach to the Privy Council fulled to uger the wardig.

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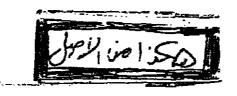
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ew airport not to be built: policy ased on growth at Stansted: o-ahead for Heathrow terminal

Sovernment has decided not ld a major new international t, Mr John Nott, Secretary to for Trade, announced in a nent. Nor does it intend to
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ir Nott (St Ives, C) said: 1
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a major new international t of the kind considered by oskill Commission Report in use the commission Report in nor does it intend to resur-re Maplin project, even in a a form. Instead the Govern-policy, is first, to encourage lest use of regional airports policy, is first, to encourage liest use of regional airports secondly, to provide addiairport capacity, as the develops, based on the ig airports in the south-east, ilarly Heathrow, Gatwick, itansted. The Government's ietailed proposals are as fol-

he future we will adopt poli-tesigued to maximize the fall of the English regional ts and those to Scotland and and thus to shift the burden from the London area airdepartment will look with

nlar favour upon proposals te expansion of capacity to demand at airports such as ast Midlands. Birmingham o negotiate new rights per to degotiate new rights perg. services between overseas
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ission, after consultation member states, to present c pronosals early next year yeloping routes within the unity to serve the regions. ever, even with a more ve use of regional airports idvisory committee makes hat there is an urgent need iditional airport capacity in east England. On current sts, taking account of the ainty about future oil prices orld economic growth, it is ted that there will be a d of between 69 and 81 mildo netween 69 and 81 mil-assengers a year in London he south-east by the late against existing airport ty of 50 million passengers.

have considered whether it

A modern western society heavily engaged in international trade and with a major stake in the airline business can hardly fail to provide for consumer demand, both for ressure and business. But

provide for consumer demand, both for deisure and business. But given the inherent uncertainty of any forecast the solution we need is one which meets the demand in Loudon and the south-east only as it develops and which avoids the massive expenditure implications of developing a green field or coastal site.

At Heathrow capacity is virtually exhausted, and that is why we must continue to divert traffic to Gatwick as already amounced in my statement on October 9. In order to provide additional capacity, the Government has decided to naccept the inspector's recommendation for a fourth terminal at Heathrow, the details of this deision are being amnounced separately today, and will include certain restrictions designed to mitigate the noise nuisance to local residents.

We have also siven careful con-We have also given careful con-

We have also given careful consideration to the possibility of constructing a fifth terminal at Heathrow on the Perry Oaks site in order to increase yet further the capacity of that airport. However, we estimate that it would take at least 12 years to complete such a project and it would impose added burdens on the surrounding area; these considerations have led us to the view that a fifth terminal should not be provided.

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At Gatwick a public inquiry is to be held next year into a proposal for a second terminal at the airport. The Government will reach its conclusions on the matter in the light of the inspector's report. We have also considered whether further capacity should be created by constructing a sectord mownly at Garwick but have decided not to pursue this possibility.

At Stansted the previous Government audicipated development of the existing airport to four million passengers a year by the late 1980s. Stansted airport already has a suitable runway which could carry, if able runway which could carry, if

able runway which could carry, if necessary many more passengers than this.

There is good road access and we believe that the addition of a new terminal building at Stansted, which could eventually handle up to 15 million passengers a year, together with appropriate accessions represented to the control of the control improvements, can be carried out by the purchase of under 1,500 acres of additional land and with the minimum commitment to pub-lic expenditure.

The Government therefore

believes that this expansion is the best way of providing extra capat-ity before the end of the next decade. that trainic became iny stifled or diverted to the

However, we believe that the
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the inquiry takes place. The BAA might be invited to apply for out-line planning permission for the building of the additional terminal

building of the additional terminal based on the existing runway and for purchase of an extra 1,500 acres of agricultural land. It will be invited too, to apply for outline planning permission to safeguard the wider area of about 2,500 acres in case the extra runway should be needed in the nine ties or approaching the year 2000.

way should be needed in the nine-ties or approaching the year 2000. Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith (East Grinstead, C)—Why does he think it needs a public inquiry to decide whether or not Gatwick should go beyond sixteen million? It is vir-nially doubling its pessenger han-ding capacity to treble the size of London Heathrow. He should tell to now that is not on environment.

us now that is not on, environmentally or from the point of view of

the airlines. Mr Nott—A public inquiry is the

most democratic means of hearing the objections which undoubtedly will exist to the building of a second terminal at Gatwick. I feer

we have considerable problems in the period from 1981-82 up until the period when the fourth ter-mical at Heathrow comes into

on trade (North office, are due to meet the chair-kshire. Lab)—What proposes he have for development in dand Wales beyond those in nd and Wales beyond those need by the previous Governing the February, 1978 White

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Stansted, does his decision that all future developments i the first terminal to be here will be located in the ed area?

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British Airways' proposal to er their long hand services Prestwick to Glasgow, if transatiantic operators fol-suit this would lead to Prest-closure and demand for ion at Glasgow and Edin-

Ingredients of present high level of inflation

The retail price index had increased by 2.9 per cent, 10.1 per cent and 17.4 per cent over the last three, six and 12 months respectively. Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, said during questions. Mr John Evans (Newton Lab)—When does she expect inilation to reach 20 per cent?

Mrs Oppenheim (Gloucester, C)—I recall that the Opposition predicted it would be reaching that level by the end of this year. There is no sign that it has as yet done so.

much longer period so that the demand can be mer if it develops into the local century. Years of indevision, decision and counter-decision reflect to credit on this country's capacity to make difficult but necessary choices. If air laffic continues to several area.

traffic continues to grow at any-thing like the rate forecast by the advisory -committee, additional capacity could be needed in the 1990.

capacity could be needed in the 1990s.

For this reason, we have given careful consideration to each of the sites examined by the study group. Airports, road and rail access, the relocation of defence establishments all use up agricultural land, affect property and cause changes to the environment. The best solution must be one that avoids any premature expenditure and leaves future governments with the maximum degree of flexibility—dependent on the growth of demand.

Our view on the evidence so tar available is thet none of the green field sites meets these requirements. We recognize that Maplin has certain advantages but the provision of additions are the second and advantages but the provision of additions are the second and advantages but the provision of additions are the second and advantages but the provision of additions are the second and advantages but the provision of additions are the second and advantages but the provision of additions are the second and advantages but the provision of additions are the second and advantages are the second and advantages are the second and advantages of the second and advantages are the second and advantages are

has certain advantages but the pro-vision of additional road and rail links, the preparation of the site and the relocation of defence establishments, all of which would

establishments, all of which would require a commitment of over \$1.000m, involve very serious risks which are unjustified when we cannot be certain that an airport of such a size might be needed. Moreover, an airport at Maplin could not be ready to meet the expected shortfall in capacity in the late 1980s.

The British Airports Authority will therefore be invited to bring forward proposals for the construction of a single terminal building at Strusted based on the existing runway facilities, capable of handling about 15 million passengers a year.

of handling about 15 million passengers a year.
But it will also be invited to define and apply for the safeguarding of an additional area of up to 2,500 acres, sufficient to provide for a possible second runway and further terminal capacity should this be needed in the 1990s or beyond.
Our aim would be that the owners of residential and agricultural property in this wider area should have the opportunity of either continuing to live or farm there, pending any possible requirement for this additional land, or of selling their property at an

or of selling their property at an anblighted value to the BAA.

These proposals will be exam-

tned under appropriate planning procedures which will include a wide-ranging public inquiry and a final decision on them will then be

Bishops Stortford. In due course consideration will have to be given to extending a link from the main rail line into the airport. We esti-

It is the Government's overrid-ing priority, through its economic policies, to overcome inflation. It is resolutely tackling the daunting and deep-seated problems which it inherited.

inherited.

This problem will not be overcome in a matter of months, nor without recourse to severe remedies. It is only by resolving these problems that it can hope to reproblems that it can nope to restore the long-term price stability that the people of this country years for.

Our task will be a good deal easier if instead of carping criticism from Labour MPs, the Government gets some constructive supports.

support.
Mr Richard Mitchell (Southampton, Irrhen, Lab)—At the last election she posed as the housewives' tion she posed as the housewives' friend and made statements saying that she would reduce the rate of inflation. In view of these disastrous figures, will she resign and apologize to the Bridsh people for misleading them?

Mrs Oppenheim—I made no such statement. The only poser in the last election was the previous Secretary of State for Prices (Mr Roy Hattersley) who said that there was no sign that inflation was raking off again. The last Gov-

Roy Hattersley) who said that there was no sign that inflation was taking off again. The last Gov-ernment had five years to show what its counter inflation policies could achieve. What it did achieve was a 110 per cent increase in Mr Anthony Marlow (Northamp-

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C)—If you "annualize" the last three months' inflation, it would make an annual rate of inflation of 12.6 per cent.

Mrs Oppenheim—He is roughly correct. The high inflation we are facing today is a direct consequence of five years in which the previous Government failed to tack the previous covernment failed to tack the council realities that previous Government ratten to race up to the economic realities that confronted it, squandering precious time and resources for political gain, leaving the country to pick up the huge bills which must be wild. e paid. That is the reality underlying the

unacceptably high rates of infla-tion which will be with us for some mon which will be with as for some time to come.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on rade, prices and consumer protection (North Lanarkshire, Lab)—This country has the highest rate of inflation of any industrial country.

As a result of last month's infla-tion we went straight to the ton

taken. This will provide a full opportunity for all those concerned to express their views on these proposals, and for the wider social and environmental implications to be explored and assessed. tion, we went straight to the top of the league. For the last six months of this Government, infla-tion doubled to 20 per cent on a 12 months' basis.
Mrs Oppenheim—We inherited accelerating inflation, raw material accelerating initation, raw material costs and pay settlements, acceleration in the money supply and a deterioration in the balance of payments. These are the ingredients which have contributed to the present high levels of inflation and will take some time to work through. British All Police implications and the Government has reached no decision on the Issues involved. Mr Alan Haselburst (Saffron On Stansted, it will be up to the Walden, C)—It is transparently inspector to decide precisely how obvious that the Government's the Inquiry takes place. The BAA decision is that Stansted will might be invited to apply for outperforment the don airport.

Price controls disguise inflation and deceive consumers

Ordinary people were on the verge of starvation for the first time in many years, a Labour MP claimed at question time, amid Conserva-tive laughter and shouts of dis-

Mir Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield East, Lab) had asked what representations the Secretary of State for Trade had received about price increases which called for the use of his present statutory powers to retain or control prices. Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of

State for Consumer Affairs (Gloucester, C)—I naturally receive a number of different representations about prices. As I have made clear on numerous occasions, the powers which exist were seldom used by the previous Government, except in the context of EEC subsides. They are at present being used in connexion with the EEC subsidy on butter.

Mr Sheerman—Many people in consumer organizations and the trade union movement are utterly desperate. They feel the Government has thrown away all powers to control prices at any stage of crists. Many people are facing the bit-terest, worst Christmas with the

increase in British exports to the Soviet Union, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade (Sourh Herdordshire, C) said at question

Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C) had asked what was the total value of exports to the Soviet Union and the total value of imports from that country for the last 12 months for which

Mr Parkinson-For the period

November, 1978 to October, 1979, the total value of our exports to the Soviet Union was £423m. Our imports from that country for the same period were £542m.

Mr Chapman—While recognizing that that proportion of two to one has been consistent over the years

and that 30 per cent currently are oil imports and 40 per cent diamonds, could we have an assurance of the Government's resolve

to balance trade between the two countries, even if it means giving an assurance that we will refuse to

take any oil imports from the Soviet Union after we become oil sufficient?

figures were available.

Substantial trade in furs

and diamonds with Russia

The Government wanted to see an Mr Parkinson-Most of the things

price of bread, eggs and beer-ell working class mass-consumption rnof. Ordinary people are on the verge of starvation for the first time in many years. (Conservative interruptions.) Mrs Oppenheim-Naturally, 1 sym-

Mrs Oppenheim—Naturally, I sympathize with people who are having to tackle the high rate of inflation, but the last Government: approach to tackling inflation was to introduce a succession of policies designed, through price controls and the Price Commission Act, to disguise inflation temporarily and deceive consumers for short-term policial benefit. short-term polinical benefit. Not only were those policies pensive, time-consuming failthey ensted consuming samures, they ensted consumers about the true rate of inflation they have to face in the end. This Government has no intention of resuscitating such disreputable policies.

Mr Robert Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne West, Lab)—Mrs Oppenheim should insist on her civil servants putting a bit of truth into her briefs. It was the Conservative Government which doubled VAT. increased mortgage rates to 15 per cent and minimum lending rate to 17 per cent—all calculated further

we import from the Soviet Union

we import from the Soviet Cimon are things we need—raw materials for which perhaps there is no other source of supply. Quite a substantial part of the trade is diamonds and furs which subsequently are

to increase the inflation rate. The Mrs Oppenheim—Mr Brown should

Mrs Oppenheim—Mr drown snould not blame my civil servants for replies for which I claim author-ship. We have not doubled VAT, but the last Government did double prices. double prices.

The short-term manipulation of prices it embarked upon only served to delay the increases which had to come through in the

The factors he has mentioned are

just some of the factors, but by no means the main factors, in the increase in inflation the country is having to face today, and will have to face for some time to come. Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East, Scot Nat)—People are more worried about the price of bread on earth than the price of pie in the sky. If the policies pursued over the past few months proceed over the next four years, the price of pie in the sky will be prohibitive.

Mrs Oppenheim—I am aware of this concern and that is why the overriding Government policy is to overcome inflation which affects, among other things, the price of bread.

Petrol in litres must show

tion time.
Existing provisions of the Petrol Prices (Display) Order 1978 are to be varied so that where petrol is sold by the litre the equivalent price per gallon must also be clearly indicated.

We want to see our exports to the Soviet Union increased. There is scope for it. We do not believe that the way forward is to restrict our imports of things which we Mr Peter Emery (Honiton, C)— How much of the credit negotiated by the last government for Russia is spll outstanding? Will this con-tinue for long?.

Mr Parkinson—There is about £400m of that remaining credit still available. The agreement ends in about two months' time. Mr Robert Aikins (Preston, North, C)—Do we need Russian Christmas cards?

Mr Parkinson-I was stangered at the increase in this particular trade. If the industry feels there is an anti-dumping case to be made, and I know it does, my depart-ment is available to help with advice about processing that case.

VAT-inclusive prices

A draft order dealing with the use of VAT-inclusive pricing would be laid before Parliament as soon as possible, Mrs Sally Oppenheim.

Minister of State for Consumer Affairs. announced during questing displayed or the price shows Affairs, amounced during question time.

This would give effect, she said, to the proposals of the Director General of Fair Trading as modi-fied by the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee.

Mr Denshore Dover (Chorley, C) Does she think the implementation of the report's recommendations will help the fight against inflation or give rise to further inflation?

is displayed or the price shows clearly what is the amount of VAT. Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on trade, prices and consumer affairs (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab)—Will these orders be laid noder the Fair Trading Act or the Delay Act. Prices Act? Mrs Oppenheim—I am reviewing this. I hope it will be possible to lay them under the Fair Trading Act. If not, I will use whatever

price per gallon Action over the sale of petrol by the litre was promised by Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, during ques-

Mrs Oppenheim said consultation with the trade and with motoring interests would be opened shortly.

Mr John Patten (Oxford, C)-Can Oppenheim assure the House confusion for the consumer he kept to a minimum, not only in this respect but in other areas where imperial and metric neasures overlap? Mrs Oppenbeim-I am concerned there should be fair competition

and that the motorist should be in and that the motorist should be in no doubt as to the value he is getting for his money whether garages are selling in imperial or metric quantities. This is true of other areas where this problem is involved.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Will Mrs Oppenheim have a word with the Post Office to see if they would quote parcel rates in pounds and ounces as well as in grammes? Mrs Oppenheim—I have already had words with the Post Office but there is no statutory requirement

Debate refused

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, Dem U) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate of the murder by the IRA of five soldiers and one ex-member of the Ulster Defence Regiment in Ulster on Sunday.

He said the House should remember that of 120 killings in Northern Ircland this year, 71 had involved members of the security

More talks on origin marking of goods

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, is to enter into detailed discussions on the question of marking the country of origin on goods for

country of origin on goods for sale.

She said this during questions about a survey instigated with the National Union of Townswomth's Guild on origin marking.

Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C) asked what was the outcome of the survey.

Mrs Oppenheim (Gloucester, C)—I am considering the interesting results of the origin marking surveys carried out for us by the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds and by the National Consumer Council as part of my review of policy in this area.

Cutlery was among the items included in these surveys. I will make a statement to the House amounting my intentions in due course.

Mr Montgomery—II origin mark-

course.

Mr Montgomery—If origin marking is undertaken. It should be a matter for consumer protection rather than trade protection.

Mrs Oppenheim—I agree. Origin marking has attracted a considerable amount of interest and attention in recommendate. tion in recent years. I therefore considered it desirable to have two independent surveys reflecting a broad range of views to help me in broad range of views to help me in reaching my decision.

The main purpose was to discover not just whether consumers want to see the country of origin displayed on the goods they buy but to find out if they need this information to exercise their choice in an informed manner. It think both surveys point to that conclusion.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said that origin should be marked.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said that origin should be marked more prominently on products displayed for purchase.

Mrs Oppenheim—I am aware of that. As a result of the surveys, we have found that "Buy British" is not the only motive which prompts origin marking. Sometimes people want the origin marked so that they do not have to exercise that choice.

choice.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C1—As many people think they are buying British cars; when what they are buying just look like British cars and have been made by British manufacturers in foreign plants, will she introduce a surem wherehild. introduce a system whereby if a company brings in vehicles from a plant overseas, they should have to put a plate on them showing the country of original put a plate on them showing ruc-country of origin? Mrs Oppenheim — I propose to, enter into more detailed discus-sions on the origin marking than have been possible hitherto.

Mr. John Fraser, an Opposition. spokesman—Has Mrs Oppenheim looked at cutlery blanks from the Far East being plated in Sheffield and sold to the British public, creating the impression that they are British produced?
Will she make an order to ensure that such blanks are stamped with

the country of origin?
Mrs Oppenheim—The question of silver-plating of cutlery will not be excluded from any further action I take in this. Parliamentary notices House of Commons

House of Lords

Mr Prior says changes in trade union law have support of nation: protection against effect of closed shop

become in the end the third London airport.

Mr Nott.—There is an existing runway at Stansted which we should us to the full. There is no question of even considering a second runway there unless traffic in the 1990s it desirable.

Six Bernard Braine (South East Essex, C)—is he ready to enfourage the early provision by private enterprise in this country and in France of a Channel tunnel? It was abundantly clear that some changes in the law involving indus-trial relations were essential and recent events had amply borne this out. Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said when moving the second reading of the Employment Bill. He said that no subject was more

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Mr. Nort—The traffic forecasts
which we have taken into account
assume the building of the single
track rail-only link now under consideration, and this was assumed to take six million passengers in its first year of operation in 1988 and eight million by the end of the year. The diversion was considered to be mainly from shipping ser-vices, and the loss to air services. the forecasters say, would be well below a year's growth. Even with the Channel tunnel, it would not the Channel tunnel, it would not affect the need for some expansion of capacity in the London and south-east airports.

In reply to later questions, Mr Nott said that the more the Government could encourage the travel industry to fly direct charter flights from regional airports, the happler it would be, but it could not force the industry to fly from airports it did not wish to fly from Mr Stanley Newens (Haclow. Mr Stanley Newens (Harlow, Lab)—The manner in which the minister has ridden roughshod over the recommendations of Roskill will be seen as a travesty of democracy by all who live in the area.
Mr Nott-My proposals for the greater use of the existing Stansted runway bear no relation whatever to what Roskill considered. It was considering a four runway airport.

Bill were particularly relevant to the issue of press freedom. The Government intended to provide specific guidance on this subject in the code to ensure that press freedom was not infringed. This seemed a better way to proceed. The Bill included a power to ment's proposals on secondary picketing. Its aim was to protect employers and employees who found their liyelihood and jobs threatened by picketing in support of a dispute in which they had no part and no access to the means of

to an employee picketing at his own place of work. The existing right to demonstrate or protest was unaffected. The Bill did not create any additional burden on the police because it did not create any new criminal offences.

general law on trade union immu-nities. Last Thursday the House of Lords gare its judgment in the case of Express Newspapers versus McShane. The case raised issues of central importance to the re-

The Government was considering the judgment corefully and would take whatever action seemed necessary in the light of it and hring it before the House in due course. There were vital but delicate matters which would require a great deal of thought.

of last winter and past years that was not a tenable position. (Conservative cheers.) They did not expect changes in

There were some things in a democracy which perhaps were better carried through by one side rather than the other. It might

rather than the other. It might well be that because of their relationship with the unions it was not possible for a Labour government ever to take the necessary steps even though in their hearts many of them knew they should.

a new course after the experience of the past 20 years. It is already late, but our duty is clear. (Conservative cheers.) Eric Varley, Opposition spokesman on employment (Chesterfield, Lab) said the Bill would weaken and damage trade

There must be far greater mis-

were all aware of the

force to her strident prejudice. It was so ambiguously drafted at the moment that it would cause more problems than it would

given a bruising lesson, but the Bill showed that if they had ever learnt it, they had forgotten it. The best industrial relations practice was self-regulation. He commended the TUC code of praccommended the TUC code of practice to the Conservatives, not many of whom, he suspected, had read it. It referred not only to ballots, but to picketing and all the rest. The proposals in this Bill (he

nothing to prevent the independent television dispute nor the engineer-ing strike. It would have done nothing to prevent line most damaging of all industrial strikes now looming—that in the steel in-

ustry. No wonder that The Times, now back on sale—no thanks to the Government—said that the Billi does little indeed, very little, to Denshore Dover (Chorley, C). in a maiden speech, said he sup-ported the Bill but it left a lot of questions unanswered. What would

in Europe as the only country that In humpe as the only country that allowed the closed shop.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Labi said the blacking of work was an alternative to secondary picketing. It was something which ministers had never been able and would not be able to tackle. The courts could not deal tackie. The courts could not deal with it because it could not be defined in legal terms. It would develop as a result of this legisla-

Mr Neil Thorne (Redbridge, lifered, South, C), in a maiden speech, said there seemed to be no provision in the Bill for across the barden union constitutions in the second to be the second to b berder union consultation. In matters concerning the railways where two major unions were involved it should be pussible to have consul-tations on the future of the in-

deeply-held conviction. This clause was a parasites' charter: it would enable those who had no intention of paying their union dues to enjoy the benefits the union had

in an industrial tribunal. The idea of relying on TUC guidance, perhaps backed up by a code of practice, was a far superior approach Alr John Gorst (Barnet, Hendon, C) said constant trade union propaganda had established insidiously that the law did not have a role in industrial relations. That was non-

There was no justification for any legal immunity that incor-renienced the nation or damazed the commercial enterprise for renienced the nation or damaged the commercial enterprise for which the employee did not work. The Government should consider a Bill stating that trade unions were corporations, with the same rights and duties as corporations. Mr Cyril Sudth (Rochale, L) said the Bill was good, reasonable and moderate so it was nonsense for the trade union movement to get so worked up about it. The closed shop was incompatible with individual liberty and freedom, and if one criticism could be made it was

man or woman should have the right to try to persuade others to their point of view, last whiter there had been disgraceful abuses of that right. Mr Harold Walker, an Opposition

spokesman on employment. (Don-caster, Lab), said today they had seen the second wave of assault on not only workers' organizations but individual rights and safeguards.

The most serious of the things yet to come was the declared inten-tion of the Secretary of State in the aftermath of the decision of Lords on Express Newspapers versus McShane to spit in the face of their lordships by bringing for-

solving the real problems. It would not diminish unemployment, far icss improve Industrial relations. The Labour Party at the earliest opportunity would repair the damage the Government was in-flicting on the protection and safe-quards of working people and upon good industrial relations. Mr Patrick Mayhew, Under Secre-tary for Employment (Royal Tunbridge Wells, Ci. said what had been missing from Opposition speeches was any reference to the

outcome of the last general elec-Incre was nothing in this Bill which had not been foreshadowed in the Conservative Party manifesto, upon which the Government

whether to be disappointed or relieved with the Bill.

The real wrath in the debate

needs of regional airports. In period when the fourth ferrously there was ministerial ce. In the period when the fourth ferrously in the period when the fourth ferrously are the demand unless Gatwick is allowed to take this additional traffic beyond the skreen million. The service needs already negotiated for its civities and we want the sections and its decision as circles and we want the id to build up so the airlines take full use of those agreements their long haul services. British Airways' proposal to rether long haul services Prestwick to Glascow, if transatiantic operators folsut this would lead to Prest. Closure and demand for sion at Glasgow and Edin-Under-Secretary for Trade There is no way in which we can operation in 1985. overnment cannot keep the date of nodesia elections open indefinitely

a had within its grasp the of a major success in Rho-Lord Hallsham of St Maryle-Lord Chancellor, said he opened the second read-chate on the Zimbabwe Bill. s (he said) the first time we come so close to one. It may r last opportunity. . main political issues had resolved at the Lancaster conference and only details ned to be settled. There
to be no question of Britain
ing an open-ended respon-

Government's purpose was ganize elections in which all s could participate. The one that purpose was achieved he constitutional formalities completed. the Government's view that

not less more than three
14. It was taking this action
wharge its remaining respony and to bring it to an end int to project it. Covernment hoped the in the elections. Refusal to do qu'd not have international

? Government (he said) canseep open the date for elec-indefinitely while the Patrio-cont make up their minds. agreements reached at the rence, now awaiting signs-were perfectly fair and were v recognized internationally so. They had been achieved

that there was a more excellent way to a happy future than the continuation of a costly and tragic war.

Could either side (he said) step back at this late stage and withhold consent? We cannot contemplate that possibility. Lord Gladwyn (L) said he hoped

the Government would be generous in granting aid to repair the ravages of war in Rhodesia when independence took place. independence took place.

Lord Hatch of Lusby (Lab) said they all admired Lord Soames but the Foreign Secretary had put him in an impossible position. Lord Soames was a member of the Conservative Party and of the Cabinet and he had been put in a position in which he could not be seen to be as impartial as he would no doubt wish to be seen.

Lord Alport (C) said the Government had shown courage in undertaking a commitment where the cards were so heavily stacked against success. Everyone should give it wholehearted support. Lord Goronwy-Roberts (Lab) for the Opposition said for years Rho-desiz's broadcasting system had been in the hands of the Smith or tide Smith-Muzorewa regime. Be asked for someone, particularly from the EBC, to go out and assist during tebe elections, as access to the media was essential for all asked whether political

detainees would be freed and able

to vote, and whether refugees both inside and outside Rhodesla would be able to return to their districts

and take part in elections.

He wanted both Houses to have an opportunity of a further debate before a date for independence was set, so that they could determine finally whether the true conditions for independence had been ful-He hoped the Bill would suc-ced, and wished Zimbabwe nothing but peace, stability, and prosperity. Lord Garner said Rhodesia was being set on a new oath, and it was now up to Rhodesians themselves to settle what kind of future they

wanted.

Lord Wigg said if after the elections it had been seen that South Africa had paid the piper and called the tune, Britain's reputation would sink to rock bottom.

Lord Treigame, Lord in Waiting, the choice now facing the Patrione. .betasw Front was a simple one. They could on the one hand sign the could on the one hand sign the agreements now on the table. They would have a fair chance to put their support to the test in the elections. Alternatively, if they allowed the negotiations to founder after all that had been achieved, they would bear a heavy responsibility.

The Bill was read a second time and completed its remaining

completed its remaining The Southern Rhodesia Constitu-tion (Interim Provisions) Order 1979, which makes temporary pro-

vision for the government of Southern Rhodesia for the period between the Governor's arrival in

Salfsbury and the granting of indcpendence, was approved. House adjourned, 6.40 pm.

He said that no subject was more central to Britain's problems or was as important in determining the future of society.

The changes proposed were limited to those areas where experience had shown that the law was not working well, where privilege was being abused and suffering resulted, where the creation of new jobs was being inhibited by fear of the present law and what it meant.

The Government's proposals did The Government's proposals did not change the need for bargainers to behave sensibly nor in any way absolve those who led them from responsibility of providing practical voluntary guidance on the use of the powerful weapons in their bargaining armoury. The proposals were designed to improve industrial relations but to do so by working with the grain tatter than against it. No one should use them as an excuse for abandoning the search for the good voluntary procedures which were the best protection against tough

These proposals had the support These proposals had the support of the nation. That support was as strong among trade unionists at the rest of the community. (Conservative cheers.) It commanded a majority, as far as could be understood, even among trade unionists who voted for the Labour Party. In no way had the support diminished with the passage of time.

Clause 1 of the Bill, dealing with funds for hallors, followed closely funds for ballots, followed closely a back bench Labour motion put down in the last Parliament. Clause 2 contained the power to

publish codes of practice for the improvement of industrial relaimprovement of industrial rela-tions. He intended to use this power to produce a code on the closed shop. If no other authorita-tive, comprehensive and effective guidance was available he would produce a code on gicketing. Some Conservative MPs would have preferred the Government to go further on the closed shop and seek to outlaw it, but that was the approach tried in 1971 and it approach tried in 1971 and it simply did not work. In this Bill, the Government was providing the individual with effective selements and proposing much more specific arrangements for the drawing up of any new closed shop agreement.

A recent study published by his department showed that many new closed shops did accord with best practice. The Government was con-cerned to see that the law underpinned that good practice and provided a remedy in those cases— he hoped they were few—where it was not followed The closed shop proposals in the

repeal the relevant section of the 1976 Act. He did not intend to use this power of repeal until those in the industry had bad an opportunity in see the draft code. If there wer still a strong desire for a charter

and a real possibility of reaching clobber the unions. It was neither agreement on its terms the Government would be prepared to con-The Bill contained the Govern-

ending it. li was clear some picketing practices, and in particular secondary picketing, had given rise to the present serious situation. The Bill gave the Secretary of State powers to make a code of practice. He was to consult people beforehand and one of the bodies ne would consult would be the police. If it could get an authoritative code then the Government would issue one.

The Bill limited lawful picketing

The Government proposed simply to restore the right to take drill proceedings when secondary picketing induced a breach of con-Clauses 14 and 15 involved specific changes to the law on innumines to deal with specific prob-lems. The Government was con-tinuing with its review of the

a great deal of thought.

If Labour MPs were true to form they would argue that no changes in the law should be made and that they should leave these admittedly difficult and emotional matters to the unions and their codes of specific codes of practice. After the chaos and bitterness

the law to end these problems overnight but their proposal; were the only and best way to deal with a number of urgent problems, and where there was seen to be specific abuse the law had a part to play. They had to give management and unions the ground rules which cuabled them to bring about industrial peace.

Labour MPs would do a great disservice to themselves and to the country if they did not give the Bill a fair wind. This was not a measure designed to change the whole structure of industrial rela-tions. It was not a measure to Mr

union rights, and individual Lahour had no great objection Lanour nan no great objection to ballots. His trade union experience as an officer in the NUM had involved secret ballots. But ballots were not the universal remedy for settling industrial disputes.

givings about the provisions on union membership agreements. The proposals contained a glaring anomaly. If a worker decided he wanted to be a non-unionist he would have the opportunity to take action against a trade union, but if a worker who was a trade unionist asserted his right he would have no redress against an employer who refused to employ him because he was a trade union member. The sloppy thinking in this was a recipe for endless This Bill the continued). like

the immigration rules, once again demonstrated a curious as well as nasty attitude to be taken by a Government headed by a woman Prime Minister—a deliberate sexist discrimination against sezist They were all aware of the Prime Minister's animus against picketing, and this Bill gave legal

There would be an intolerable burden on rank and file policemen. It would be the police constable at the picket line who would have to cross-examine pickets, to decide who met the conditions of the Act, and who conditions of the Act, and who did not. The Bill was so vaguely worded that any decision an officer took would be disputed, and the matter would end up in a court of law.

Most of the picketing lost winter was done peacefully, and a relationship was established between the pickets and the police. There were rare occasions when violence broke out and when did they were condemned as much by the trade union movement as anybody clse. union movement as anybody else. In the years of the Labour Gov crament between 1975-78, 28.8 milcriment between 1975-78, 28,8 million working days were lost in strakes compared with 44.2 million days in the years 1971-73 under a Conservative Government. Under Mr Prior, the situation was far worse than under any of his Tory predecessors. In his first six months, 20.7 million working days were lost in strikes. were lost in strikes. The Conservative Party had been

wise dictum that industrial rela-tions were human relations? Mr Heath sat where he now did. hecause in a fit of aberration, he disregarded his own wise words. It was ironic that this debate took place almost line years to the day on the second reading of the then Industrial Relations Bill. said) will not prevent a single industrial dispute which would have taken place if this legislation had not seen the light of day.

It would neither have prevented be Times dispute, nor settled it: The Times dispute, nor settled it: neither prevented nor settled the road haulage dispute. There is extreme doubt whether it would have done more to deal with secondary picketing than the TGWU's own code of practice.

The Bill would not have prevented, nor solved, any of the "dirty johs" strikes last winter and would not have prevented any of the action outside hospitals or schools. It would not have prevented the action outside Charing Cross Hospital; would have done Cross Hospital; would have done

happen if a trade union decided not to hold a secret bailor? What was to be done about blacking? He could not see how the United Kingdom could hold its head ligh

tations on the future of the in-dustry. The unions should be ohiged to take into account wishes of the consumer. fir Peter Snape (West Bromwich, East, Lab! said in regard to the closed shop that the Bill did not attempt to define grounds for exemption from frade union mem-bership. It merely talked about grounds of conscience or other

achieved. Mr Glies Radice (Chester-le-street. Lab) said, in regard to closed shops, it was one toing for employers and trade unions to tt. It referred not only to ballots, but to picketing and all the rest.

What would be the outcome of the Bill which flouted Mr Heath's a definition which would stand up

trough theory and recount, and it one criticism could be made it was that the Bill did not go far enough in this respect.

His greatest reservation concerned picketing. Although any man or woman should have the

ward amendments to restrict the application of Section 13 of the 1974 Act.

The Bill contributed nothing to

mas elected with a substantial majority. These proposals had been extended in working papers and autumn and were now embodied in the Bill. It was apparent from Opposition spokesman that they did not know

the real wrest in the debate seemed to have been reserved for the Government dering to propose a change in the legislation involving the clined shop and picketing. It was said that only voluntary guides were any good, but the trouble with these guides was that they offered no remedy if they are flunted to those who suffer harm. The Still was read a second time by 315 votes to 245—Government majority, 70.

THE ARTS

Bitter coherence

I do not know whether Davis has read those memoirs and

believes in their authenticity:

Before the interval Claudio

Arrau was the soloist in Liszt's A major piano concerto. It has

always seemed one of his most sustained poetic structures.

Arrau, perhaps as a result of recent forays into Liszt as the

heir of the Viennese classical tradition, something much deeper than a keyboard presti-

digitator, heightened the poetry of the concerto, and intensified

its musical logic, to an unusual degree, without sacrificing any of the drama or physical exuber-

this fierce energy, the result of his racing tempi for the great

moments of terror, his punchy rhythms and his way of letting

the London Philharmonic Choir and Philharmonia Chorus sing

their hearts out without ever swamping the soloists.

Minton was most successful in

showing how the merest mur-mar, if properly projected, can

carry as much weight in this auditorium as any full-throated cry of passion. She journeyed

between the extremes to great effect in her "Liber scriptus", the most intelligently sung aria in this performance. Strangely

enough she had more trouble in the several duets which Verdi, remembering Aida and

Amneris, writes for soprand

and mezzo. Perhaps this resul-

ted from a mismatching with Leontyne Price, who generally

preferred a strikingly pure tone coming as if from behind her, whereas Miss Minton's was

a more human, possessed sound.

and especially in the final

lesser opportunities afforded

the male soloists were well

that links its three movements

is also at times only a hair's breadth away from the most catchponny Bal Musette waltz. Sir Clifford's playing helped

to keep the performance from extravagance in either direction

by the freedom of his phrasing

within the character of the string playing, and by his subtle

use of the pedal to assist in giving the music its full dig-

semole as a whole ensured that it never lacked character, especially in the episodes which relieve the often monotonous progress of the finale.

the Amadeus players alone ex-celled, that of Haydo's F major

Quarter, the second of his op 77 pair, which they played in suc-

cession as the first part of the concert. Not having heard Nor-

bert Brainin and his colleagues in person for some time, I found

myself admiring all over again

of responsive ensemble and viv or responsive ensemble and viv-acity of spirt, but also their cyident pleasure in qualities of line and balance as these merged. If in places they might

have been less serious-minded to the music's advantage, pussy-

footing their way through the Andante of the F major Quartet,

for instance, they never sought to overload their sense of Haydn's awareness of Beethoven

in these last quartets of the

It was another finale in which

At the same time, the ensemble as a whole ensured that

When Miss Price was alone.

Of the solo quartet, Yvonne

LSO/Colin Davis Festival Hall

William Mann

Shostakovich's fifth symphony the first movement, with its scrupulously unpredictable thelodic steps, like a soldier picking a gingerly way across minefield, and the poignant, highly poetic Largo, always weemed to belong to a difference of the steps of the poignant of work from the banal ending of

work from the banal ending of the finale, the brass chant in the scherzo, and the climax of the first development which sounds like a parody of a familiar moment in Sullivan's Piretes of Penzance.

Kindly explanations about the composer's love of football crowds and fairgrounds did nor make sense of the ambiguity.

But if one hears the remembers in an argument. The subsequent development, more German than Russian in symphonic manner, was extremely taut in its unfolding. The scherzo, much indebted to Mahler, was delivered with grimly sarround classical eloquence of the slow movement followed with an hanced impressiveness. make sense of the ambiguity. But if one hears the symphony with those memoirs in mind-es I did on Sunday when Colin Davis and the London Sym-phony Orchestra gave a highpowered and thoughtfully articulared account of it on South Bank—it becomes a coherent, even more saddening, statement even more saddening, statement about the private artist's in-capacity to accept Stalin's Russia. It explains, too, why Shostakovich then took to matching a more or less public symphony with a very private string quartet.

LPO/Solti Albert Hall

Paul Griffiths

Artists who give their services free for charitable causes descrive better than to be sniped at in their morning paper. However, it is impossible to ignore an occasion like Sunday's performance of Verdi's Requiem, given in the presence of the Prince of Wales, in aid of the London Philharmonic Orchestra's National Appeal Fund and sponsored by Imperial Tobacco. It also helps that I can report that the evening was thrilling enough to dispose of a critic's moral scruples.

The cynic might argue that it, that Verdi was too practical a composer to let his feelings on the death of Manzoni get in the way of composing a concert drama which no fault in per-formance could scriously weaken. There is much truth in that, but on the other hand the Requiem by no means always gains the ilaming frenzy that leapt this time across the whole expanse of the Albert Hall. Sir Georg Solti was to a large degree responsible for

Amadeus/Curson Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Noel Goodwin

Sir Clifford Curzon is a planist who can take a composer's instruction "con molto sentimento" at its face value, or, rather, its musical value, and persuade his listeners that it was meant for the benefit of the work and not the performance. This helped to distinguish his performance on Sunday with the Amadeus Quartet in the Piano Quintet by Franck, one of an occasional series of programmes which the Amadeus players are sharing with different planists of distinction. It was a performance that clearly pointed the crucial difference between sentiment and sentimentality within a work that often seems in dancer of mixing them.

Franck's Quintet came late in a career that a misprint in the programme suggested was con-fined to a mere eight years. While it betrays the influence that Wagner's Trusten und Isolde must have had on Franck in the sublimated eretic of the voluptuous slow move-ment, the so-called cyclic motif older composer.

Martin Best Wigmore Hall

Frank Dobbins Troubadour poetry survives in considerable quantity. While most of it was undoubtedly sung, only a small proportion (about a tenth) was notated and then in a sketchy manner indicating only relative pitch. The determination of the melodies's rhythm remains conjectural-some modern interpreters preferring a free declamation akin to plainsong, others more dance-like patterns based on the imagined meter of the verse. The only manuscripts also lack any accompaniment, but it is generally assumed that this might have been improvized by minstrels or jugglers on the instruments depicted in the secular iconography of the Middle

Martin Best and his group door repertory in an inventive manner which provides good musical entertainment for the modern concert audience. His solution to the problem is hased on the idea of duplicatmore instruments with other in the with translations, expressstruments providing rudimentary drones or adding an occa- other instrumental support.

sional flourish of melismatic coda in the manner of some non-Western folk music. But his lively strumming on the lute for Oud) allied to the reat and judicious support of the nakers and tabors of David Corkhill brings a percussive vigour more characteristic of tire pop group. More delicate, impressionis-

tic hues are occasionaly introduced by the imaginative use of pastiery, dulcimer and bells and, while Mr Best clearly dominates the group with his committed singing and playing, in turn spirited and sensitive, the expert piping of Jeremy Barlow's recorders and regal and the skilful bowing and plucking of Alistair McLachlan's fiddles provide discreet but indispensible support.

The group's programme illustrating "The Troubadours and their World, 1100-J300" offered a wide variety of dances and love songs in contrasting tempo and orchestra-rion, including fresh interpre-tations of old fevourites. Other pieces were less familiar and the absence of texts in the programme notes must have perrespond vividly to the chal plexed many in the audience lenge of presenting the trouba- who can hardly have been conversant enough to follow the words sung however lucid the diction. In some cases Mr Best tried to overcome this problem with short verbal introduc-tions; in others he alternated ing the vocal melody on one or stanzas in the Provençal tonively narrated over drones and

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions

Diaghilev illustrated in a British context

The Diaghilev Ballet in his interpretation suggested it most powerfully. He may have England/Ethelbert claborated another explanation of the work's coherence : the White, 1891-1972 enemy does not have to be identified, might be altogether non-Fine Art Society

George Bissill,

1896-1973 Belgrave Gallery, at Blond Fine Art

Süe et Mare Foulk Lewis Collection

The Queen's Gallery

The Shoe Show

Not another Diaghilev exhibiinteresting and distinctive one. It presents Diaghilev in a somewhat unfamiliar context by isolating the British visits of his company and consider-ing them in relation to the British theatre of the time, the effect they had on British artists and dancers, the recruitment of new British relent which took place because of them, and the legacy of Diaghi-lev in British ballet after his

It makes an interesting story, admirably documented in an informative catalogue and vividly illustrated by costume and set designs, produc-tion photographs, clippings and other memorabilia. We can wonder again at the prodigal invention of Bakst in costume design, and the beauty of his working drawings. We can see original set designs by a host of famous and less famous names—Roerich, Gontcharova, Polunin—and even more intriguingly, by some rather unlikely-seeming British artists who
had brushes with the ballet
directly or indirectly through
Diaghilev. Here, for instance,
are Christopher Wood's set
designs (unused, in the event)
for Romes and Julier; here is designs (unused, in the event) for Romco and Juliet; here is a design by Ben Nicholson for a drop curtain in Massive's ballet Seventh Symphony; here are Paul Nash's sets for The Truth about the Russian Dancers (very Aldwych-farcical) and Vanessa Bell's delicious caricature-painting of Lopokova with J. M. Keynes peering at her from behind a curtain. For once, it is empha-

"Libera me", she coupled her high angelic singing with conventionally Verdian speech-song in the lower register, not always moving comfortably from one to the other. The The link between this show and the other at the Fine Art Society might seem to be tenuous. But Ethelbert White, for all bis living in a caravan, the English rustic scene, was a lover of the baller and a tre-quent illustrator of it. The his gouaches on Diaghilev subjects, vivid in their tuppencecolours, as well as an impres-sive show of his sober, sometimes rather Camden Townish oils (he did exhibit on at least one occasion with Ginner). If anything, his watercolours are even better: in particular The

Pelléas et Mélisande

In Pelléas et Mélisande Debussy

created a profound illustration

of the power of music to lead words, in this case Maeter-

linck's, past that frontier of the

imagination which they cannot

penetrate alone, a masterpiece

which is absolutely character-istic of himself, and essentially

French. Yet two of the most perceptive productions it has re-

ceived in recent years have been staged in German theatres.

The Munich Festival in 1973

had at least Jean-Pierre Pon-

nelle as producer and designer.

a strong French oversight. The

Stuttgart is the pending depar-

ture of the musical director, Silvio Varviso, for the Paris

Opera. The producer is Gotz Friedrich, the designer Andreas

Reinhardt, and all the singers are new to their roles in the

theatre. But together they have given the Württembergische

Staatstheater a Pelléus et Mélisande in which render illu-

mination and fierce reality alternate and fuse into a

Professor Friedrich under-

lines the factual and the physi-

cal, sometimes mercilessly, yet

the poetry remains unbruised. This is because for long

stretches he is content to

match Debussy's instauation with his own, often hinting

rather than stating. Ponnelle at

Munich began with a horrifying flash of Pelleas clutching a tree.

a knife between his shoulder

blades, summarizing the opera's

agony and fear before a note

had been heard. Friedrich is

content to start with suspicion

and built the tensions from

When Golaud leads Mélisance

from the forest, she follows at

a distance, edging forward here,

retreating there, an animal whose trust is not completely won. A small point: out it

spirited eloquence.

only slim French connection at

Kenneth Loveland

Stuttgart

curtain. For once, it is empha-tically not the same old relics dragged out and drenched in

Mitsouko one more time.



Folies Bergères by Belgrave Gallery; and a puce-coloured bar shoe of the 1920s. on show at the ICA

Quarry Men and The Railway Bridge achieve within their rel-atively small compass a genuinely monumental quality. George Bissill, even more

improbably as someone who made his name mainly from painting miners, also had links lively paintings in the Diaghilev show based on his experience of (or is it just photographs of?) Dolin in Le Tram
Bleu. But his real skills
emerge in the show devoced
entirely to his long-neglected
work by the Belgrave Gallery. work by the Belgrave Gallery. He had a meteoric rise to fame in 1925 with his drawings of miners (after working for a while as a pavement artist out-side Bush House), and conabout ten years. Then he boring arguments about when, dropped out completely, and how, craft passes over into retired to the country and art When furniture and inter-

became, quite contentedly it seems, a picture-restorer, who What this show reveals, howpainter with an almost sculp-tural sense of form (it is not for nothing that he later on discovered a natural affinity with the woodcut). A few in-fluences from Vorticism are visible here and there in his way of faceting his figures and defining them by areas of flat contrasted colours, but finally he is just not like anyone else. The exhibition is a really excit-

art. When furniture and interfor decoration attain the quality occasional landscape, of Sue er Mare, alias the Compagnie des Arts Français, any such distinctions one mish propose become irrelevant. The company was formed as a joint enterprise of an architect, Louis Sue, and a painter, Andre Mare, in 1919, and was dissolved in 1928. Its life-span, therefore, neatly straddles the Deco moment par excellence, the Paris Exposition des Aris Decoratifs of 1925, and its products, especially the furniture, are perhaps the purest expressions of the

nie's work and allied pieces now at the Foulk Lewis Collection in Fulhem Road, where it succeeds an equally impressive show of the other great Deto French furniture maker, Ruhlmann, we are offered an excellent opporare diversed an extension diponing to see exactly what that means. In the splendidly produced catalogue Raymond Foulk argues convincingly for a clear separation to be made between the Deco artists properties who were very conscious. liose who were very consciously inheritors of the great tradition all its immaculate craftsmanship in wood and inless and the modernists who tend to get lumped in with them as all part lumped in with them as all part of a great vague assaire/Rogers
Deco cynthesis. Certainly one cannot question the brilliance with which Sue et Mare play variations on familiar shapes and patterns, smoothing a curve here and simplyfying a line there, and on occasion, decking the result out in rich and elaborate inlaid patterns which would have driven Boolle mad, with alarm and perhaps also envy.

There are some pieces of furniture in the grand new show of Sevres porcelain from the Royal Collection at the Queen's Gallery whith, curiously enough, show just where Sue et Mare are coming from as the Americans say! where their feet are firmly planted if not exactly where their head is at. The prime reason for these pieces being on show is that they contain inlaid plaques of Sevres; the secondary reason is what gives the show its happy unity—along show its happy unity-along with paintings and other items from the same period, they help to fill in the psychological and erristic background to tilese rich and sometimes (one would have to say) garish pieces of consolcuous consumption. After looking round the show one can at least feel one has "done" Sevres. And while it is difficult to remain altogether unim-pressed by so much gilt and pressed by ad much gir and elaboration, so many man-hours so patently applied to things like the Louis XVI dinner and dessert service, only half finished in 1793, after 10 years in the works, I find that it is difficult also to warm to some thing or imperiously district. thing so imperiously divorced from life.

Some of the shoes in The Shoe Show are pretty far divorced from life, too. But most of them seem down-to-earth, and the show is otherwise just what you might expect from an improbable summit meeting between the Institute of Contemporary Arts and the Crafts Council. That is and the Cratts Letticel That is to say, it rakes a lot of things which were in their time thought of primarily hi terms of their function, cuts them adrift from such base practicalities, and leaves us to contemplate them, one by one (no pairs) as objets just asking to be trouves. There are a few be trouves. There are a few fantasy; on the other hand (or foot), are sensible shoes of beauty to take your breath seems to have forsaken boots and shoes as a suitable subject for artistic treatment. The Shoe Show seems likely to inspire many more to follow in his

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Whatever the composers' dates may have been classical and romantic tendencies seemed to

alternate in the piano dues recital which Anne Quefféles and Imogen Cooper gave yes terday lunchrime at St John's The theme of Mozart's Variations, K 501, of 1786 is ideal for its purpose in that virtually in These are written with a mar-vellous sensitivity to the four-handed medium and musical interest is punctiliously shared between the two players. The performance achieved grace without compromising the strength which lies beneath this work's light and luminous

suctace. In character a large scherzo, Mendelssohn's Allegro Bril-lante, Oous 92, of 1841 is far busier than the Mozatt, even it says rather less. However, it also is quite ardent in its feelings and the comnoser exuberantly anticinated the modern-concert grand plane when writing it. In one sense the Allegra is more difficulty the Allegro is more difficult than the Mozart because its ele-ment of overt display leads in some vary tricky passages of ensemble. These were builded with admirable unar its by Miss Queffelec and Miss Cooper

Despite the excitements of the movement called "Les enveriens de la belle et de la bete", we were back to classical restraint, or something like it, with Ravel's Ma Mere Pope, suite. The Mendelssohn is excellently written for four hands, yet Ravel's moving sim-plicity and directness makes such virtuosity appear redundant, no matter how enjoyable. Pure melody is the chief point, as in "Pavane de la belle au bois dormani" or "La jardin feerique", and these pieces were played with very much the right kind of suggestion of wide-eved innocence: "Laider-

pagodes" was done with charming piquancy, also ; quite different things happen at the same time here at some points, and they need careful reconciling. Dvorak's Slavonic Dances are

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description of the chateau to Melisande ("tres vieux et tres sombre"). The giant trees that become the pillars of the chateau and the tower from which Melisande Jets her tresses. fall are predictable, but their economy matches the music; and their flexibility ensures the

Musically, this is a perform-ance of quite outstanding excel-lence, so that a rare totality is achieved. Silvio Varviso, supported by orchestral playing that is idiomatically informed, handles Debussy's score with a manifest concern for the beauty of its harmonic pattern, so that textures are subtly shaded, and instrumental calours blend and

Two exceptionally fine per-sonal studies lead a completely successful cast. The Pelleas of Ryland Davies is sung and acted with a sensitive feeling for nuances of both music and characterization. It is a Pelleas grows gradually out of inno rrouvée", a Pelleas whose jour-ney into manhood has been

and dramatic. Karan Armstrong is a Meli sande poignant and moving, the singing touched with much beauty, a figure to command and hold our fears and sympathies. Roland Bracht is an Arkel

irrelevancies. Dramatically, Stuttgari's Polleds et Melisanda is rich in detail nicsically it is Andress Reinhardr's designs aware of Debussy's genius and take their cue from Goland's thinking of Maeterline's 100.

flow which is essential to Debussy's vision. Some of the costumes suggest a clash of period; it is not often embar;

separate, lighten and darken in a way that reflects the opera's deepening emotional situation.

in which the singer is sensibly, aware of the moment to which it is all leading so that wonder cence, then awakens in a brief ecstasy of fulfilment at a Je l'ai traced inexorably. Wolfgang Schöne's Goland progresses similarly; it is one of the strengths of the production that the half-brothers develop step by step. Schöne's singing is wonderfully tich and expressive a haritant rate of colour sive, a barrione voice of colour and resonance used to relling effect, a presence commanding

of sorrowful authority, haunted by destiny, Elke Estimbanin's Geneviève is concerned, and motherly, Christian Schulz gresponsive Ynioid.

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Karan Armstrong as Melisande Melisande, the other that of Mélisande on the Chateau. Death and decay are empha-

the frightened victim. The hunter will bide his time, but the cording soult scene make up the centre of Friedrich's production, and Debuss's music linking the two consequently achieves a stronger than usual emotional relevance, and the vault scene itself an extra dimension of

Influences that are usually coscured are led from the shadows. We are more than usually aware of Pelleas's alling father, made more conscious than usual that outside the chateau walls there is a faminestricken land: Friedrich does not restrict himself to a mere

ing mist, for Arkei she is the promise of light, a promise realised by the child he carries away from the darkness as she dies. For Pelless and Mchisande, Friedrich creates a world in which they are gradually en-closed, and into which Golaud. tough, uncomprehending, a hovering voyeur, can only enter violently. When he does so, the shock is immediate, It is in the creation of such contrasts that

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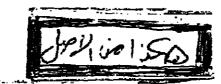
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House of Lords

Rearing pneasants for sport is not agricultural work

Before Lord Wilberforce, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Diplock, Lord Sal-mon and Lord Russell of Killowen [Speeches delivered December 13] mon and Lord Russell of Killowen ispeeches delivered December 13]. A gamekeeper employed to rear pheasants for sport was held by the House of Lord: not to be employed in agriculture within the Rent (Agriculture) Act, 1976. Accordingly he was not emitted, in respect of his cottage, to the security of tenure that the Act gave to agricultural workers housed by their employers.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Mr Stanley Giles, formerly head gamekeeper to the Earl of Normanton, of Somerley Park, Ringwood, Hampshire, and his wife, from the affirmation by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton) of a decision by Judge Lee at Salisbury County Court that Mr Giles had not been employed or worked in agriculture within the provisions of the Act, so that when his employment was terminated by notice in March, 1976, he was not a protected occupier of rice cortage and an order for possession could be and was made against him.

Mr Giles in person: Mr Robert

him.

Mr Giles in person: Mr Robert Johnson, QC, and Mr Hugh Bennett for Lord Normanton.

LORD WILBERFORCE said that

LORD WILBERFORCE said that the question was whether a game-keeper was a person working wholetime in agriculture. If so, he was, as a qualifying worker, emittled to the protection conferred by the Rent (Agriculture) Act, 1976, in respect of the occupation of his cottage. That was partly a question of impression and partly one of statutory interpretation. The apparent simplicity of the case was deceptive. was deceptive.

Mr Giles, as gamekeeper to Lord

was deceptive.

Mr Giles, as gamekeeper to Lord Normanton, occupied a cottage on the estate. The case had to be decided on the detailed evidence about his duties. He had the normal task of producing pheasants during shoots and of preventing poaching: he cleared vermin and controlled deer. Also—and it was that on which he relied—he was responsible for rearing pheasants. In the spring he would catch birds for laving, clip their wings, and put them in pens in a walled garden adjoining his cottage. After laving and incubation of the eggs, the poults were put into release pens, and as they grew they walked out and in due course, it was hoped, became wild and available for shooting. The great majority of the birds shot were sold to butchers and game dealers, and no doubt ultimately to Individuals by whom they were consumed as food. whom they were consumed as food. The proceeds went to maintain the

The proceeds went to maintain the shoot.

Section 1(1) of the 1976 Act stated that "(a) 'agriculture' includes—(it dairy-farming and live-stock keeping and breeding (whether those activities involve the use of land or not!"; and by section 1(2) "livestock "included "any animal which is kept for the croduction of food, woel, svins or fur, or for the purpose of its use in the carrying on of any agricultural activity, and for the purposes of this definition 'animal' includes bird but does not include fish ".

Before the judge, who could be assumed not to be blind to the realities of country life, Mr Giles assumed not to be blind to the realities of country life, Mr Giles relied mainly on subsection (2). He contended that pheasants, at any rate his pheasants, were animals kept for the production of food and therefore were "lirestock". That made them lirestock kept and bred within section 1(1)(a), and therefore keeping and breeding them was "agriculture".

There were two given coasons

breeding them was "agriculture". There were two good reasons why that argument did not succeed. First, the judge found that "the production of food is not the purpose for which birds are reared or for which Mr Giles was employed. The job of the game-keeper is to get as many pheasants into the woods (sic) so that they become wild. . . A gamekeeper is there to keep came, for the purpose of shooting and enjoyment. The purpose of shooting pheasants is sport. It is no part of food production or the keeping of livestock."

of livestock."

There was clearly evidence to support those findings, and they were fatal to the argument. It might be that unless people in general were willing to ear pheasants and pay for that pleasure, shooting would become uneconomic; but it did not follow that pheasants were produced for food. If they were to be so produced, many easier ways of rearduced, many easier ways of rearing and killing them could be

Secondly, the section did not say "produced for food" but kept for the production of food ". Animals kept and bred fot food—to be eaten, such as cartle or chickens, came under section 1. But it was clear that pheasants did not come within section 7.3. ie not come within section 2 at 11. Whatever they did, they did of produce food : they consumed That did not however conclude

the matter. It only led to the real point—whether pheasant were livestock and whether Mr Giles kept and bred livestock. Sec-Giles kept and bred livestock. Section 1(1)(a) was quite independent of section 1(2): the latter said what was included in livestock not what "livestock meant. So their Lordships still had to consider whether, apart from the special inclusions, pheasurs could be described as "livestock". It did on the authorities seem a puzzling question. Mr Giles, with exemplary rele-

Mr Glles, with exemplary relevance and economy, had referred the House to a number of cases on "employed in agriculture", and Mr Johnson for Lord Normanton had contributed his share to the learning on the subject, part of which reinforced the common impression that the rearing of pheasants for sport was sui generis and not to be equated with the rearing of other livestock. the rearing of other livestock.

Pinally there was the recent Court of Appeal decision in Lord Glendyne v Rapley ([1978]1 WLR 601), which raised exactly the same question as that now before the House and was followed by the Court of Appeal in the present case. In that case Lord Scarman held that "not every rural or country activity is intended to be included in the definition of agriculture. Fishing, for example, Is clearly excluded. The definition

Is really directed towards includlog al! operations involved in farm-ing land for commercial purposes of which the one relevant to this of which the one relevant to this appeal is the production of food. The finding that these pheasauts were kept for sport, though 80 per cent of those killed and re-rieved were in fact sold, is in our judgment conclusive. Mr Rapley's employment was to promote not agriculture but a field aport. This is a country activity but not an agricultural one.".

Apart from the reference to the

sport. This is a country activity but not an agricultural one ".

Apart from the reference to the "production of food" his Lordship agreed with that passage. It was in line with the tenor of the cases referred to. Agriculture, however wide that activity had become, did not include everything that went on in the country. Rearing and keeping pheasants for sport was not thought of as—and there was not statutory or case authority for holding it to he—an agricultural occupation: pheasants so kept and reared were not "livestock" in an agricultural context: only such "brestock" was designated in section 1. The appeal must be dismissed.

VISCOUNT DILHORNE said that the only question was whether Mr Giles had been employed and had worked in agriculture. The Act did not attempt to define "agriculture" but by section 1(1)(a) stated some of the matters it included. As the definitions were not in the Act. Mr Giles should be held to have been engaged in agriculture. and secondly, taking the definitions

enes should be need to have been engaged in agriculture, and secondly, taking the definitions into account, whether he should be held to have been so employed.

His Lordship considered the dictionary definitions of "agriculture" and "livestock", reviewed Mr Giles's activities and some of the authorities, and said that he could not regard any of Mr Giles's activities as agricultural activities. They were all directed to one end, to provide good sport for Lord Normanton and those who came to shoot with him. So, ignoring the definitions in the Act, it was not right to say that Mr Giles when working for Lord Normanton was employed in or worked in agriculture.

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Was he to be regarded as having been engaged in agriculture by virtue of the definitions in the Act? In the light of the judge's findings and the authorities, the definitions in the Act did not help Mr Giles. The Court of Appeal was right in the Gendyne case and in the present case. and in the present case. Lord Diplock agreed with the speech of Viscount Dilhorne.

Lord Salmon, though having considerable doubt about the point considerable doubt about the point at issue, was not prepared to dissent from the view that since the principal reason for keeping the pheasants was the sport of shooting them, the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Russell delivered a speech concurring in the view that "agri-

concurring in the view that "agri-culture" per se was not a word appropriate to the preservation and breeding of pheasants for sporting purposes.
Solicitors: Payne, Hicks Beach & Co.

Closure of children's home valid

Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council

The relators' main complaint affect children in care but which was that the council had ignored did not necessarily relate to such

Before Mr Justice Dillon In considering whether to close In considering whether to close a children's home a local authority need not give first consideration under section 12(1) of the Children Act, 1948, to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of each individual child at the home until the time came to implement the decision, and accordingly fallure to consider, so far as possible, the wishes and feelings of the children did not render the decision invalid as being ultra vires, null and vold. His Lordship so held, in a reserved judgment, on a motion for an injudgment, on a motion for an in-junction restraining the closure of a community home at Goldhawk Road, sought by the Attorney General on the relation of Mr David Bell and six other social workers in an action against Hammersmith and Folham London Borough Council.

Miss Joanna Dodson for the Attorney General and the relat-ors; Mr Colin Braham for the HIS LORDSHIP said that the HIS LORDSHIP: said that the main claim was for a declaration that the council's decision to close the home at January 1. 1980, was ultra vires, null and void, and an injunction. In fact, the council had now agreed to keep the home open until February 1, 1980, but that did not alter the issues involved.

As the council had to make substantial cuts in expenditure the

As the council had to make substantial cuts in expenditure the leader's co-ordination committee decided on September 3 that the social service department must reduce expenditure by £150,000 in the current year. The chairman of the social services policy committee prepared a provisional list of reductions, including the closure of the Goldhawk Road home. The social services policy committee, on September 11, had before it reports of the leader's co-ordinating committee's decision and from its own chairman, tertiag out details of the various saving proposed. Some of the proposed savings were rejected, where saltered, but that relating to the Goldhawk Road home was approved. When the matter came

12(1) of the Children Act. 1948, as amended in 1975, which provided that "In reaching any decision relating to a child in their care, a local authority shall give first consideration to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood: and shall so far as practicable ascertain the wishes and feelings of the child regarding the decision and give due consideration to them, having regard to his age and understand-

in."

It was common ground that "first consideration" meant that greater weight on a relevant decision was to be given to the need to safeguard and promote the child's welfare than to other factors, but the child's welfare did not necessarily have to determine the course to be taken. The children at the home were aged from 12 to 15.

For the relators it was said that the decision to close a children's

the decision to close a children's home was a decision " relating to each child " currently resident in the home, being a child in the council's care. If that were right council's care. If that were right the relators asserted (1) that the council did not give "first consideration" to the children's welfare but to financial matters: (2) that the council had failed to have before it reports on individual children showing the traumatic effects a move to another home was likely to have on some of them; (3) that the council had failed to ascertain the children's wishes and feelings regarding the closure decision; and (4), as a corollary, had failed to give due consideration to such matters.

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The council accepted that the decision what to do with a paracular child when the decision mittee. on September 11, had before it reports of the leader's co-ordinating committee's decision and from its own chairman, setting out details of the various saving proposed. Some of the proposed savings were rejected where altered, but that relating to the Goldhawk Road home was approved. When the matter came before the leader's co-ordinating committee again on September 26 rt was decided to close the home,

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children; for instance, decisions on financial allocations; ma whether to spend money modernizing, improving or repairing a particular home; and on staffing.

So, equally, if the council had to consider whether a children's home should be used instead for a different social purpose, such as a hostel for homeless families, battered wives, or for old neonle. battered wives, or for old people. It was in fact under considera-tion that the Goldhawk Road home should be used as a hostel.

The Children Act was concerned with the welfare of children, but not with the relative prlucities inter se, of the numerous calls on a local authority's finances. The decision to close the home made it ineritable that

ous calls on a local authority's finances. The decision to close the home made it inevitable that before it was implemented a decision would have to be reached in relation to each child in the home, but it did not follow that the decision itself related to each child. For the council to ascertain the wishes and feeling of the children on the complex questions which the leader's coordinating committee had to decide was totally impracticable.

The relators, out of devotion to the children, had put in reports about each child. They showed appalling histories against which the home had provided the only stability the children had known. While one or two might be robust and responsible enough to cope with the change, there must be a fear that transfer elsewhere would have unfortunate effects on some of the children, however much social workers or others might endeavour to mitigate them.

The council said that there were The council said that there were now more vacancles in residential

now more vacanties in residential homes than were likely to be required in the foreseeable future, so that the continued existence of the home would have had to be considered on any review of provision for community homes irrespective of requirements to save money.

money.

His Lordship did not think the council was in breach of its statutory duty.

Solicitors: Hammersmith and Fulham Community Law Centre; Mr C. T. Mahoney. SPORT.

Rugby Union



McGregor is closer to

Clinton Marales McGregor, the Scracens, Middlesey and London prop forward, has been chosen to play for England against the Reg in the trial match at Twickenham on January 5, and must thus be accounted only one match away from becoming the first black player to represent his country since James. Darkie "Peters, of Plymouth, won five Cops at standsince James Darkie Peters, of Plymouth, won five cap: at stand-off half between 1906 and 1908. The versatile Fran Cotton has been switched to the loose head side, a position he occupied throughout the 1977 championship when Mike Burton was at tight head and Colin Smart, who was loose head against New Zealand, has been demoted to the Rest XV. The stand-off, Les Cusworth, and the flanger, Mike Rafter, also lose status in the senior side, their places going respectively to John Hortod of Bath and Roger Utiley of Wasps, whose performance on of Wasps, whose performance on the blind side was one of the key factors in the North of England's success over the All Blacks at Otley
McGregor is a builder's labourer,

horn in Jamaica 27 years ago, who stands 50 11ins and weighs in at 17 st. It soon became apparent when he joined Saracens as a lumber eight from the Finchley club, that he had the technical skills, as well as the necessary by weight the that he had the technical skills, as well as the necessary physical attributes, to make an increasing mark at senior level in the front row, as was apparent when he enjoyed an excellent game for the London Division against the Alt Blacks in October. Speed and ball-playing skills, altied to solid scrummaging (which should now be fully tested to Solid scrummaging and the Smeat) have his game a selection.

skills, allied to solid scrummaging twhich should now be fully tested by Smart1, give his game a valuable dimension

While Cusworth is now linked in the Rest XV midfield with his Leicester centres. Paul Dodge and Clive Woodward, the raiented but mercurial John Horton is restored to favnur after losing his place last season as England's stand-off to Neil Bennett. Horton won four caps in 1978, the first when Alan Old was dropped after the international in Paris, and the last against New Zealand.

If the selectors regret that they did not pick Old against the next All Blacks side, they clearly are now determined to build for the future. In that respect, it is sad but probably realistic that they do not consider the form of Huw Davles, the Coventry stand-off, to be consistent enough to merit a place in the trial, even as a potential replacement.

However, the young Liverpool

tial renlacement.

However, the young Liverpool and Moseley player, Mike Perry, is one of the 10 reserves nomineted. Another reserve is the Bedford scrum-half. Nick

the selectors are giving time for the promising young Yerkshire player. Nigel Melville, to acquire greater physical strength. The recall of Utiley will invest England's loose forward trin with more physical processes as well as England's loose forward trio with more physical presence, as well as constructive expertise at close quarters. Rafter will play for the Rest in his best position, open side flanker, in collusion with the two Swansea players, Mark Keyworth and Trevor Cheeseman, both of whom are highly-rated as members of a formidable club pack. Keyworth faded from the English representative some after

nach: Key worth faded from the English representative scene after winning four caus in 1976.

Perhaps the two most interesting selections in the Rest pack are those of Jim Syddall, the Waterloo lock, and Philip Blake: way, the Gloucester tight head prop. Syddall had an impressive game for the North against the All Blacks. Blakeway has made a remarkable comeback this season, after an alarming each injury two years against the threatened to finish his career. A fitness fanatic and a fearsome scrummager, his ability will now be fully tested by Cotton. His selection as an under-23 cap for the short England tour of Australia in 1975 was seen by some as being premature.

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The choice of Syddall and of Stephen Boyle, of Gloucester, as a reserve lock, means no place in the teams or the reserves for the Bristol forward, Nigel Pomphrey, England.

Bristol forward, Nigel Pomphrey, ENGLAND: W. H. Hare (Lelesslet): J. Carlein (Greil): A. M. Bond, Sale N. Perston (Ethnond): M. H. Perston (Ethnond): M. H. Perston (Ethnond): J. P. Horion (Bath): S. L. Herbook, J. P. Horion (Bath): S. L. Herbook, J. P. Horion (Bath): S. P. Horion (Bath): A. M. McGregor (Services): W. B. Belling (Angoldene): Leftensier: G. M. McGregor (Services): W. B. Belling (Angoldene): Leftensier: M. McGregor (Services): J. P. Scott (Gardill): A. Neaty (Grouphin Part): THE REST: J. McGalle (Combridge (Polygriph): P. J. Scottes: Harroake, P. W. Dodge (Locasier): C. R. Vondward (Leftensier): D. W. Wwill (Bath): L. Custrorth (Leftensier): G. R. Vondward (Leftensier): D. M. Wwill (Bath): L. Custrorth (Leftensier): G. R. Miller (Bath): G. M. Markotton (Toulouse: Gallin): M. Keller (Bath): Swangas, M. Relfer (Bath): Cheresoner (Swangas): M. Relfer (Bath): Cheresoner (Swangas): M. Palmer (Bath): M. Swett (Bath): M. Miller (Massel): M. Youngs (B. M. Massel): M. Youngs (B. M. Massel): M. Marin (Massel): M. Marin

Correction

We have been asked by the Committee of the Old Warwickian Rugby Football Club to state that an incident of alleged assault on a referes, involving one of their players and denied by the club, concerns what happened before and not, as stated in our report of Dec 11, after the player was sent off.

Boxing

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Leicester's middlewight Tony
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with a Strong recommendation
from the manager's other wellknown middleweight, Kevin Finnegan. Mr Burns now controls two
of Britain's non three middleweights—the third is Alan Minter,
who is due to challenge for the
world championship in Las Vegas
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"I was very impressed by Sibson". Mr Burns said yesterday, "and what is more important, so was Kevin Finnegan. He described him as one of the best prospects he had faced. We had a long talk and he has agreed to join us." Mr Burns realizes that his two

men may be boxing each other again in the near future for the British title. For the done being, the possibility is delayed because Finnegan is due to meet Gratien Tonna, of France, for the vacant European title in January. "I regard Sibson as having outstanding potential", said Mr Burns. "I believe that bener sparring and a more sophisticated approach will make him even more formudable."

Sibson won the British title last March, one day after his 21st hirthday, by hearing Frankie Lucas in five rounds, He lost it to Finnegan eight months later by a half-point margin.

For the record

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SAN JOSE (Costa Rico): Priendship Cup tournament 275: R Flord, 71, 64, 66, 49, 278 P, Jacobara, 53, 71, 67, 69; 280; D, Graham, 68, 73, 71, 68, 280; D, Weibring, 73, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73; Wright, 71, 68, 71, 71, 230; J, Rodriguez, 71, 73, 72, 73, 73, 74, 230; J, Herinor, 71, 73, 73, 73, 73, 278; J, Frught, 68, 72, 73, 73, 73, 278; J, Frught, 68, 72, 73, 85,

Rackets

Double-handed grip brings Male success

By Roy McKelvic
Rackets Correspondent
The first wholly double-handen
rackets player, the equivalent of
Frew McMillan in tennis, appeared
in the schools championships
which began at Queen's Club yesterday. He is James Male, a colt
from Radley, the top-seeded
player, who was altogether too
quick and aggressive for Tildesley
of Rugby whom he bear by 15—7,
15—1.

of Rugby whom he hear by 15—7, 15—1.

Because of the expansiveness of the court and the high velocity of the ball, both demanding reach, rackets has never encouraged double-handers. Male however has developed his style from terms, at which he shows promise, and has gone the whole hog. He even serves double-handed from the right hand hox though he can do so in orthodox manner. He is definitely stronger on the backhand side and hits the half-volley well but his defences, unrested in this match, could prove brittle under pressure.

The leading point of interest in the whole event, involving 116 hoys, is whether Richard Ellis of Halleybury can become the first player to win the H. K. Foster Cup for the third successive year. Others have done it twice.

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Cup for the third successive year.
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A secondary point is that this meeting sees the end of four family lines. The last of the three Cowdrey brothers of Tonbridge, Graham plays in the colts as does Charles Myrile of Winchester whose two elder brothers represented Winchester and Wellington. The fourth and last Paul. Joef. of Harriw plays in the Renny Cup and the third and last Paul. Joef. of Harriw plays in the Renny Cup. Result's bulleton-webber Cup. Bert 1. D. Barner (Bunby). 15—5. Is held to the third and last Faber.

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Smith ends five good years with Wales and joins Hull City

Wales had to concede defeat to Hull City yesterday when their respected English manager. Mike Smith, agreed to join the third division club under a contract that the Welsh Football Association could not match. Hull may have

to pay compensation because Mr Smith's contract had seven months

Trevor Morris, the Welsh FA secretary, said they were losing Mr Smith with "considerable retret". He said the Welsh finances would not allow them to compete with Hull who are understood to have offered £250,000 for a seven-year agreement. Other higher placed and currently more flustrious clubs will be annoyed that they were outbid for a that they were outbid for a manager of integrity and sound coaching credentials.

coaching credentials.

Mr Smith and the Welsh assistant director of coaching, Bobby Brown, will start work at Bonthferry Park on January 1. Hull dismissed their former manager, Kenneth Houghton, last week, and knowing that Wales had failed in qualify for the European Championship final rounds in Italy, made a timely approach. Wales will not have to appoint a new manager as spickly as possible to prepare for World Cup qualifying matches. merches.

Among leading managers Mr

Smith is an enigma. Although the
son of a professional player, his
own career was spent as an
amateur. He played for Loughborough Colleges, the Universities
Athletic Union and Corinthian
Capacits Afrar spending thre years

Athers Cunion and Corintal Casuals. After spending nine years teaching in Sussex, he was appointed team manager and coach to the Conference of English Grammar Schools and then made manager of the Welsh nateur team. Despite his sound apprentice-Despite his sound apprentice-ship, he was seen as something of a quiet outsider on the day of his appointment as Wales's manager in August, 1974. One of the reasons was that on the same day England's new manager, Don Revie, began his international career. At that time, Scotland's manager was Willie Ormond, and Northern Ircland's was Terry

Neill, Internationally Mr Smith has survived them all by some distance and won a substantial reputation.

He was the first full-time manarer of Wales and soon impressed the players by, among other things, providing them with copious information on their opponents. His work with Cyril Lea. a coach, was given expression on the field by the captain, Yorath. The partnership led Wales to the last European championship quarter final round, thus becoming the only team from Refusing to qualify. Britain to qualify. His contribution to Welsh foot-

His contribution to Weish foot-ball from the time he was first appointed director of coaching has been of enormous value, especially in tandem with the administrative work of Mr Morris, himself a former club manager. For some time Mr Smith had to battle against Weish critics who could our heims themselves to could not bring themselves to accept an English coach.

accept an English coach.

If a single occasion convinced remaining sceptics it was the day in 1977 when Wales best England at Wemblev, one of the results that caused Mr Revie so much anguish. In fact, a 2—1 win in Huneary in 1975 had given Mr Smith even more professional satisfaction, along with a 3—0 World Cup qualifying commetition victory over Czechoslovakia that victory over Czechoslovakia that proved of no avail after a defeat by Scotland. For much of his time in Wales, Mr Smith has struggled against a lack of depth in top class players, lack of depth in too class players, but it has been noticable that even those in poor club form have often played above themselves in the red shirt. But the deficiencies were exposed in October when West Germany heat Wales 5—1 in Cologne. A 1—0 defeat by Turkev in Izmic last month was probably a more frustrating result, confirming that Wales would not in England in next summer's European championship finals and ending in bad tempers.

The Welsh FA have done well to keep their ralented manager for so long. Mr Smith has had a number of attractive offers from



Saudi Arabia. His choice of Hull City, a lower third division club, may surprise some larger clubs who would have welcomed his City, a lower third division club, may surprise some larger clubs who would have welcomed his services but it is in keeping with one of football's less flamboyant

Revie's decision : Mr Revie, the former England manager, will take up his consultancy agreement with not mean that Leeds will neces sarily use his services, the Press Association reports. After a Leeds board meeting last night, the club chairman, Manny Cussins, said : "The position regarding Mr Revie is that we came to an arrangement with him seven years ago when he was manager and before there was any question of him going to Dubai.

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"The position is that he will be paid near enough \$10,000 a year for nine years and it takes effect immediately. We can call upon him as a consultant for his advice if we wish to do so and we can require him to attend four board meetings a year should we want his advice but he has two more years to do abroad."

Names of the future written in the wind

By Stuart Jones
Public Schools 2 FA Youth 2
Like a giant fan a bone chilling,
southerly wind stood on one touchline at Roehampton yesterday and
tried to blow all in its path across
to the other. The 22 players, however, convincingly won the struggle against the elements, although the two sides finished deservedly on level terms, a result which, pleased particularly the Public Schools. Last year they went down 7.0

This year a rich, northern This year a rich, northern accent pervaded their side but it was one of only two southerners. Robson at the heart of the defence, who took the eye. He had to contend with three youth internationals in the second half and did so with a calm maturity. Remarkably, he is only 15 years and two weeks old.

The other southerner, Wyatt. also distinguished himself by breaking the deadlock. Several half chances at 75 minutes had come and gone when he seized on a defensive error and lobbed, with neat precision, over the on a delensive and and observed with neat precision, over the stranded Horn. But the blow did no more than sting the pride of the FA Youth. Within five minutes they were ahead. minutes they were aftead.

First the diminutive Walsh, one of the internationals, climbed high to head home a corner. Then a nest combination between the other two internationals, B. Brooks and G. Gibson, opened a gap wide enough for Brooks, a smaller replica of Wilkins, his senior England colleague, to beat McKcown.

As the darkening canony above As the darkening canopy above began to match the red shirts of the Public Schools, to their credit, they came back and equalized. Stretton's through ball set Wood free and, although Horn blocked his shot, Howard, a tireless run-

Eamonn Bannon, the Dundee United and former Chelsea mid-field player, will make his first full international appearance for Scotland in tomorrow's European

scottand in tomorrow's curopean championship qualifying match against Belgium at Hampden Park. Bannon played 27 league matches for Chelsea after his £200,000 move from Heart of Midlothian in January, and Dundee United paid £175,000 for him soon after

Scotland turn to Bannon

Geoff Hurst had taken over as manager from Danny Blanchflower Bannon, aged 20, starts his international career alongside McGrain of Celtic and Johnstone of Rangers who are recalled to the Scotland side after long absences. West Ham United's full back, Ray Stewart, captains the Scotland Under-21 side in tonight's European championship tie at Tynecastle Park.

The following were selected to represent the Public Schools at the lessival at Skegness in March:

John Cartwright, the England

in detention on Friday afternoon.

Proudlove sent off as Stafford go out

John Cartwright, the England Youth team manager, praised the battling qualities of the schoolboys and was particularly impressed by Robson. His headingster. Dick Sale, of Brentwood, also watched the performance with interest. "Just think," he said, "he was A goal at the end of each half was enough to clinch Blackbuch was enough to clinch Blackbuch Rovers' passage to a third round home the against Fulliam and Stafford Rangers' gallant fight was marred after 75 minutes when Proudlove was sent off after an altercation with Round. It was the second time this season that Proudlove had been sent off by the Rotherham referee, Arnold Challinor, the previous incident being at Boston.

Three Blackburn players had Such names as Wilkins, Boddle, Hilaire, Barnes and Statham, have Hilaire, Barnes and Statish, novemerged at this level and gone on to higher England honours. It may not be long before Robson finds himself at the foot of the ladder that can lead, if not to the sky, then at least to the top.

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Three Blackburn players had their names taken, Brotherston, Keeley, and Round, along with Deane of Stafford. Crawford put Blackburn ahead after 43 minutes when he collected a pass from Kendall, ran 40 yards and beat the advancing goalkeeper. The Blackburn defence, which has the best record in the third division, looked strangely out of touch and they came under pressure from the non-league side.

Proudlove and Nixon went close in the first half and although Blackburn looked more settled after the break, Stafford also had their moments. Secker and Chapman spurned good openings and the Alkance side should have had at least one goal for their efforts. McKenzie added Blackburn's second in injury time. then at least to the top.

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(GEGS, Blackburn) A. Milnet (Manchester CS). N. Murphy (GEGS, Blackburn)

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Wood (Reg-ton). M. Howard (Wolverhampton. CS). M. Wyatt (Lancing).

FA YOUTH: R. Horn (Crystal Palace): T. Collen (Reading). F. Clark
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Docherty returns

The Queen's Park Rangers manager, Tommy Docherty, has promised to attend today's second division game against one of his former clubs, Chelsea. He said:
"I am determined to be at the match even if I have to crawl all the way from Chesterfield."

Yesterday's results

FA Cup: Second round replay
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2. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Public chools XI 2: PA Youth XI 2: Army. Sports Council

Council advised to review situation

Paul Stephenson, the only black member of the Sports Council, told vesterday's council meeting in London, attended by the Minister for Sport. Hector Monro, that he was totally opposed to the factifuding mission which plans to vidt South Africa next month, led in yield sout the mission; moreover, it was difficult to understand how the mission could discover anything new only four mouths after the British Government had told the council there were insufficient grounds for feeling that sport in South Africa was becoming genuinally multi-racial.

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cricketer, Bash D'Oliveira, who is to accompany the mission, about the position today.

Mr Jeeps issued the following statement in response to Mr Stephenson: "The views expressed by Paul Stephenson are his own and not those of the Sports Council, A full itinerary of meetings and visits is being drawn up and will include all the main sports bodies in South Africa and as many individuals and other organizations as can be fitted in at home or shroad, it is a fact-finding mission and the extent to which the information is used.

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Rangers v Chelses.

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Wolverhampton Wenderers v Grimsby

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sion: Dunstable v Hillingdon, Hastings

v Poole.

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Games in Moscow.

A founder member of the SCSA said in Nairobi yesterday that an African boycott of the Moscow Games would be unreasonable. Isaac Lugonzo, of Kenya, who is also a former chairman of Kenya's National Sports Council, said the South African Barbarians rugby team's visit to Britain earlier this year "should not be enough ground for a boycott of the Moscow Games."

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Show jumping

The Smiths keep the family flag flying

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris By Pamela Macgregor-Morris
The closing afternoon of the
Olympia international jumping
show was dominated by Smith,
father and son. The former won
the Radio Rentals power and
speed competition on Sanyo
Sanmar, who heads the national
top 10 table for 1979. He won by
two seconds from Malcom Pyrah,
on Yorkstire Relish. Robert kept
the family flag flying, won the
Norwich Union Mistletoe Chase on
Albabama, a winner here last Norwich Union Mistletoe Chase on Alhabama, a winner here last night. Portugal's Manuel da Costa made the early running on Folamour Rouge, in 53.3 sec. but young Smith, jumping near the end, cut the time to 51.3 sec. Finally Gilles Bertrand de The World Cup Volvo, for which the British qualifier is the chich the British qualifier is the closing grand orix of this five day show, is \$200,000 the richer,

thanks to the patronage of the Royal Netherlands Agricultural Ministry. They have done a deal with the original sponsors, by which most of the Volvos sold in Europe will be made in The Netherlands rather than in Sweden. As the Dutch are keen sweeth. As the botth are keen agriculturists and also promote the sales of tuelr home-bred horses, such as John Hardings Marius, on whom Caroline Bradley won the Queen Elizabeth II

Golf

Torrance breaks | Writers' trophy record by one stroke

Cali, Dec 16.—Sam Torrance of Britain won the Colombian Open here today by three strokes from Ray Carrasco of the United States. On the second round, Torrance broke the course record set by Arnold Palmer 23 years and with a 64 one stroke better than Artiold Palmer

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Bernard Langer (West Germany)
finished ahead of Torrance and
Spain's Manuel Pinero on the
South American circuit, which
finished with the Colombian Open,
although he failed to win one of
the fine tournaments. The other
tournaments were in Argentina,
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Tourning the tour he took the Open
tide by three shots from Jack
Nicklaus and Ben Crenshaw and
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of Merit for a fourth successive the five tournaments. The other tournaments were in Argentina, Chile, Brazil and Venezcela.

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61-71-71-71: 282. A. Gallinio (Spein), 57-72-71-79: A. Gallinio (Spein), 57-72-71-79: A. Salvedra (Argentina), 67-72-71-71: 284.

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- Agence France-Presse and Regier.

goes to Ballesteros

Severiano Ballesteros, who won the Open championship at Lytham last July, is the 1979 winner of the Association of Golf Writers' Trophy, awarded to the man to have done most for European golf division the year. during the year.

Ballesieros, aged 22, is the first
Continental player to win the
award which, until this year, was of Merit for a fourth successive season, losing first place to Sandy Lyle, second in the golf writers' poil.

The Britain and Ireland PGA Cup side of club professionals, who beat the Americans for the second year running in the Isle of Man in September, were placed third.

Athletics

Athletes club propose plan for open competition

which paid and amateur arbletes could compete alongside each other.

The draft proposal was due to have been discussed at Sunday's annual meeting of the IAC at Longhborough, but was left off the agencial category for those wishing agencia due to pressure of other which paid and amateur athletes could compete alongside each

The British Amateur Athlettes
Board are to be asked how far
they are prepared to support a
plan to set up an official system
of open athletics. The initiative
comes from the international
Athletes Club. They hope the
board can be persuaded to back
a West European Federation in
methods wild any anything articles Johnson, said " I shall be sending the board details of the plan and call an extraordinary general meeting in February to formulate a proper resolution."

Rugby League

The incredible Hull

not eat becom. Not because of any more; direction or religious scruples, but because red and white, the colours of bacon, are elso the colours of Huil Kingston Rovers. There are others who forbid their children to eat mint humbugs, because mint humbugs are black and white, and they are the ard socially by allegione to Huil. Those was follow the tortunes of the two clubs swear that these staries are not operaphal. They are symptomatic of the fanatical rivalry that divides east Huil from are symptomatic of the fenalical rivalry that divides east Hull from West Rull, which will come to the boil again in tenisht's final of the BBC2 Floodilt Trophy, it of the BEC2 Floodst fromy. It will be played before an all-ticket crowd of 16.000, and reporters, guests and victors from other parts of the country are liable to be asked not to intervene in a family quarrel.

The ferocity of the rivalry is There is a man in Hull who will akin to that which divides Glasgow not cat become for the production of the services Rangers and Celtic and between Rangers and Celtic and Marsayside between Liverpool and Everton. The city is split in two geographically by the river Hull and socially by allegiance to Hull on the east bank. Some supporters are so flerce in their loyalities, and so unreasoning, that they will not cress the river to the rival ground even for a local derby came. This will deprive some Royers' supporters et a seat tunight.

Both sides are below full strength, Rovers missing their inspiration. Millward, and Hull their scrum-half. Pickerill. However, individual personalities will be submerged tonight in an explosive confrontation that, as they say, will leave no room for faint bearts.

Taste of Yorkshire relish at a London lunch

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

There were two themes central to this year's Derby awards which were presented by Lord Derby at the annual lunch given in London yesterday by the Horserace Writers and Reporters Association. They concerned the stables controlled so astutely yet so differently by Peter Easterby and Henry Cecil. Easterby was presented with the National Hunt trainers award for the second time in three years.
"The only time I seem to find myself in London these days is to receive either an award or be up before the beaks in Portman Square", he remarked wryly with a typical touch of Yorkshire humour.

POWER AND SPESD COMPETION: H. Smith' - Sanya Cannar: 2. Coofail Backhouse Lids.'s York-thre Brillsh 'N. Pyrsh': 3, Miss S. Mapleson's Beverage.

pany which perpetuates the sport-ing traditions of her late father, Stanhope Joel.

After all the triumphs of last After all the triumphs of last summer it was hardly surprising to see Henry Cecil and Joe Mercer on the platform together respectively acclaimed as the flat racing trainer and jockey of the year and each vowing to be back again in the same role in 12 months time. Cecil's strike rate this year was quite phenomenal. Next year he will have 135 horses behind him, besides Mercer, in his quest to become champion trainer for a fourth time in only five years. Incidentally, Cecil will be taking on Ryan Jarvis's son, William, as his assistant trainer in March when the "next of the Jarvises"

first time this year, received a warm reception when Lord Derby presented him with his award. Mercer's success this year coincided with the publication of a book called My Greatest Race (Michael Joseph, £7.50) edited by John Hughes, this book gives 30 top jockeys the opportunity to tell the story of their greatest triumph.

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Quite what Clement Freud is doing among that elite 30 to the exclusion of Mercer, who was, after all, closely associated with that great raceborse, Brigadier Gerard, I do not know, but with contributions from Sir Gordon Richards, Lester Piggott, Fred Winter and John Francome it is good reading newspelless. Winter and John Francome it is good reading, nevertheless.

The photograph on the jacket was taken by Gerry Cranham, who is arguably the floest photographer in racing. It was during the absence of The Times earlier this year that Guinness Superlatives Limited published the Guinness Guide to Steeplechasing. At a cost of £11.95 this gives the reader a real taste of what Cracham can serve up. The text was written by their formidable pair of commentators and former jockeys, John to be a hell of a good trainer."
was what Fred Winter said to me recently and yesterday his remarks were widely endorsed. Easterby has worked wonders with the likes of Sea Pigeon, but on this occasion it was his Cheltenham Gold cup winner. Alverton, who was foremost in our National, who was foremost in our minds as Mrs Solna Jones re
returns from working in Australia. And sustralia. At all in racing. It was during the absence of The Times earlier this take over his father's stables in Newmarket just as soon as he has failed the necessary experience. This will continue still further the close link that his famous racing family has had with the town for serve up. The text was written by that formidable pair of commentators and former jockeys, John Oaksey and Richard Pitman.

prevent a repeat of the debacle at Aintree's Chair fence during this year's Grand National were announced by the Jockey Club yesterday. Nine horses fell or were brought down in the race Kintal broke his back and had to be destroyed. The cause After lengthy discussions, the lockey Club have devised a plan to use the hurdles course as an escape route for riderless horses providing a direct line to the racecourse stables—generally the

target of loose borses. Next year target of 100se norses. Next year there will be a substantial gap in the hurdles course rails immediately before the fence prior to the Chair and a second gap in the running rail before the Chair itself. Both gaps will be guarded by deflectors to prevent borses already on the hurdles course from rejoining the field. STATE OF GOING (official): Folkestone, soft; Ludlow, good to soft. Tomorrow Cattack Bridge, heavy thurducs).

Gifford can continue to carry all before him

By Michael Seelv Josh Gifford is well on the way to one of his best ever seasons. And judging by the way in which certain lines of form are working certain lines of form are working out fils improving young steeple-chaser. Jack Madness, looks likely to justify favouritism in the Weish Grand National, sponsored by Joe Coral, at Chepstow on Saturday.

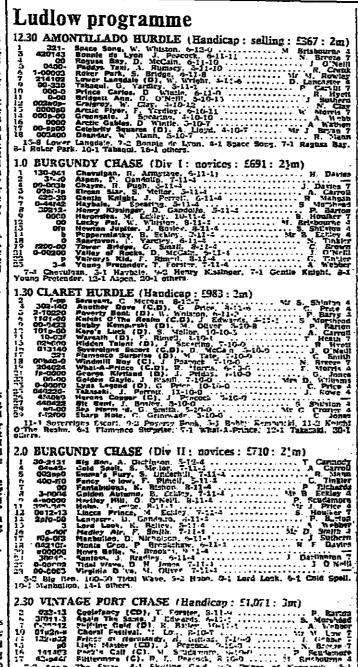
Before the seven-year-old's impressive defeat of Chumson at Cheitenham, Jack Madness had beaten Spiderman, by 15 lengths at Wincanton, Similarly Mac Vidi, who had previously trounced the

at Wincanton. Similarly Mac Viti, who had previously trounced the same horse in equally impressive fashion at Ascot, went his to win Lingfield's Dick Brancis Steeplechase: To hammer home the point yet again Raffii Nelson, the easy winter of ast. Samray's SGB Steeplechase at Ascot had, in an earlier race, besten Spiderman at Stratford-out-Avon.

Cifford could well and a double

prising Prince has quickened well who showed promise when runner-Sawyer and Southern Mobile in the Novices Steeplechase, judged on their running together at golding should have the edge.

winner at Market Rasen, should have little difficulty in dosposing of his rivide in the second division of the Burgandy Novices Steeple-chase. Knight O the Realm is fauched to capture the Claret Handicap Hurdle and the form of Gifford could well land a double Coolafancy looks good enough to at Folkestone this afternoon by win the Vintage Port Handicap winning the first division of the Steeplechase for Tim Forster.



3.0 RUM PUNCH HURDLE (Novices : £332 : 2m)

Folkestone programme 12.45 "NO SILVER" HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £576: 21m) 2.45 SHADDOXHURST HURDLE (Handicap: £4,299: 2m)



9-4 Sandor, 100-30 Limit Up. 9-2 Go Arrowsmith, 15-2 Elvantry, 8-1 Rock-bir was, 13-1 Weish Jester, 20-1 others, 3.15 " NO SILVER " HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £565 : 21m) Mrs D. Gangare Mrs D.

Ludlow selections By Michael Seely

12.30 Bounie de Lyon. 1.0 Chevulgan. 1.30 Knight O' The Regim. 2.0 Big Ben. 2.30 Coolafancy. 3.0 Murray Thwaite.

Folkestone selections By Michael Seely

Kelso

12.45 Surneising Prince. 1.15 Southern Mobile. 1.45 Captain Cheeko. 2.15 CABAR FEIDH is specially recommended. 2.45 Sandor. 3.15 Quare Hours.

Leicester results

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India's bowlers then knocked to heart out of the visitors' butng. Roger Binny, playing in his tird: Test, struck first, taking ickets in his second and third vers. Majid Khan, whose top ore in five innings in this series 40, was caught behind, sparring a ball outside the off stump, theer Abbas, aiming at the wers, was then bowled by a ball ming into him.

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The Americans had clinched the

Parry runs through Tasmania's tail

Launceston, Dec 17.—The West Indies will fly to Brisbane tomor-row, satisfied with an overwhelm-ing victory over Tasmania over the past four days.

The touring team took only 58 addutes to wrap up the match this morning, giving them a win by an lunings and 61 runs.

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Tasmania resumed at their overnight score of 235 for six with Woolley 85 not out and Campbell 20 not out. They were all out for 271 after their first innings total of 213, to which the West Indies had replied with a record 545 for five declared. Woolley and Campbell increased their seventh wicker partnership to 95 runs as Woolley seemed set for his second first class hundred. However, he was out seven runs short of his century.

From there it was easy going

From there it was easy going for the West Indies who had established a first innings lead of 332 runs over the weekend. Parry, an off spin bowler. claimed the remaining wickets of the other overnight batsmen, Campbell (30), Wilson (10) and Majewski (4) in just half an hour. It left the Tasmanians 61 runs short of forcing the visitors to bat a second time.

Selectors announce Ian Chappell's return to Australian team and Lillee remains defiant

Future of Dilley may lie as an all-rounder

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Perth, Dec 17

This has been an unimaginable year for Graham Dilley, the 20-year-old cricketer currently playing for England against Australia in Perth. Unknown when the year began, at any rate beyond the boundaries of Kent, he now finds himself having, as an apprentice, to do a man-sized job in the highly charged atmosphere of the Australian cricket

Until last Friday, Dilley had never spent a full day in the field or been called upon to bowl with a second new ball. On Saturday afternoon he went out to bat in a rosis in a Test match against Australia and was still undefeated when the England innings ended, three and a half playing hours later. Mike Brearley, the England captain, was delighted and surprised to find how well Dilley coned

Dilley coped.

"I had never really seen him bat before", Brearley said. Today Dilley has been resting his blistered feet. He is tired and his feet are sore. He has had to be rushed into service because of the early return to England, with a shoulder injury, of Hendrick, and he is finding it tough going.

As a boy of 13, still at Dartford West Secondary School, Dilley put his head through the window of Colin Page's car, Mr Page being the Kent manager, and asked how to become a county cricketer. His initiative brought him a trial in the nets at Chatham and four years later he

chance of an extended run in Kent's championship side last season when championship side last season when Jarvis, one of the opening bowlers, fell off a bicycle, and he did well enough to win the last of the fast bowling places in the England party to Australia.

For a short time after leaving school, Dilley had been a diamond setter at Hatton Garden. Since then he has grown into a great strapping creature, 6ft 3in and weighing 14st. He has more the

and weighing 14st. He has more the plodding walk of an oarsman than the more supple movements of a fast bowler. However he is fortunate in more supple bowler. However he is fortunate in Australia to be under the eye of Bernard Thomas, the England team's physiotherapist, a specialist in making games players more athletic than they

Dilley has blue eyes and fair curry hair, and a good Anglo-Saxon head. On the field he is aggressively patriotic. In Sydney last week, in a one-day international, he raced down the pitch after howling the Australian wickerheaper. bowling the Australian wicketkeeper, Marsh himself no angel, and passed the Marsh, himself no angel, and passed the time of day in a way to make even Marsh stop in his tracks. Dilley will need to guard against allowing a healthy contempt for bassmen, which is a part of the make-up of most successful fast bowlers, to become something unduly pariouslicitic. nationalistic.

The last Englishman to come to Australia as such a specularive choice as Dilley was Tyson in 1954/55, and Tyson, during that tour, became the world's fastest bowler. Dilley will never be that I think. He is faster already than when

accurate, and he is learning all the time. But he is heavy to be forever striving for speed, and his action is too open for the purists. His future, because of this, may lie as an all-rounder, rather than as a specialist fast bowler. Having given him the chance to bowl. Mr Page's next good turn to Dilley and England might be to encourage his batting.

The rebels reign supreme in Australia at the moment. Within hours today of Lillee saying that if he is called upon to bat again in the first Test match he will do so with his aluminium hat the Australian soloctors. hat, the Australian selectors announced the return of Ian Chappell to their team for their next two one-day internationals—against West Indies in Sydney on Friday and England in Sydney on Boxing Day.

Chappell and Pascoe come into the Australian one-day side in place of Ioohey and Bright, who are playing in the present Test match. Walters, Walker and Laughlin are also omitted from the team that lost to England in Sudnay last Thankay Ian Chappell. Sydney last Tuesday. Jan Chappell, who is 36, retired for the first time from first-class cricket in 1976. Early last month, having returned to play for South Australia, he was at once suspended for three weeks for swearing at an umpire. This was followed by a further supersion of the supersided the the su further supension of (a suspended sentence this time) six weeks for misconduct in the match between England

There were those who listened to

second occasion who thought that he was near the end of his lether. Since was near the end or his letner. Since then, though, he has escaped with a lighter penalty than he may have expected and made 82 for South Australia against Victoria in the match which ended today. By bringing Chappel; back and countenancing lilles' behaviour the Australian seem Lillee's behaviour the Australians seem prepared to go to almost any lengths to find a winning side.

Already, though, England's sights in the first Test match are centred upon saving it. The chances are dust to do so they will need to bat for at least eight hours—from teatime tomorrow, that is, until the end of play on Wednesday. While saving that that is something "we ought to be able to the "Reaction admits that that is a new that is a ne something we ought to be able to so. Brearley admits that that is a very different thing from doing in Unless the pitch becomes progressively slower and easier I find it hard to see their

escaping.
Among Brearley's other rest Among Brearley's other rest day reflections were the impression that Australia could yet be bowled out sooner than would suit them, and the feelinb that if Lillee does come in again with his controversial bat the umpfres should need no reminding of their decision in Australia's first innings that he must change it he must change it.

Minor operation: England's assistant manager, Ken Barrington, enters hospital tomorrow for a minor operation to correct a depressed cheekbone

Miss Ruzici forfeits title ifter muscular injury

Hana Mandilkova, of Czechovakia, beat Virginia Ruzici, of
mania in the womens' singles
tal of the South Australian
ten tennis tournament at
lelaide yesterday, by forfeit.

Mrs. Ruzici was trailing 5. "The American team was just too good for us," the disconsolate Italian team captain, Vittorio Crottaam, said. Last year, the United States beat Britain 4—1. Mrs Ruzici was trailing 5-7 d 2-2 on the centre court ten she approached the umpire, il Read, and said she believed had pulled 2 thigh muscle could not continue.

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"I injured the thigh muscle reral days ago in a doubles inch and aggravated it in the st set today," Miss Ruzici said. ironically, she played in the ironically she played in the with Miss Mandlikova with Miss Mandlikova if won the final on the presus night against Susan Barker Britain, and Pam Shriver, of a United States, 2-6, 6-4,

A crowd of 3.000 watched the gles final which was postponed im Sunday because of rain. So Rusici said after the march it she was now doubtful for: New South Wales Open nowing pleased at Sydney. In this tournament Shlomouckstein, of Israel, eliminated defending champion Tom lkison, of the United States, in first round of the men's igles yesterday. The little town Glickstein treated a stund crowd at court No 2 to a d crowd at court No 2 to a millating display of power into as he overcame the centh seeded, Wilkinson, 6-2,

'l'm ranked number one at a former Israeli army cant, said after the match. After getting through the lifting rounds, I was a little phointed when I discovered be playing last year's ner." Glickstein said. "But

becoming used to that sort McEnroe alaitis gave the United States

or victory over Italy in the
Davis Cup final in San
utisco. The Americans bethe first team to win every

The Americans had clinched the cup in doubles on the previous day but yesterday's match between McEnroe and Zugarelli was not a pushover for the American, even though he won 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

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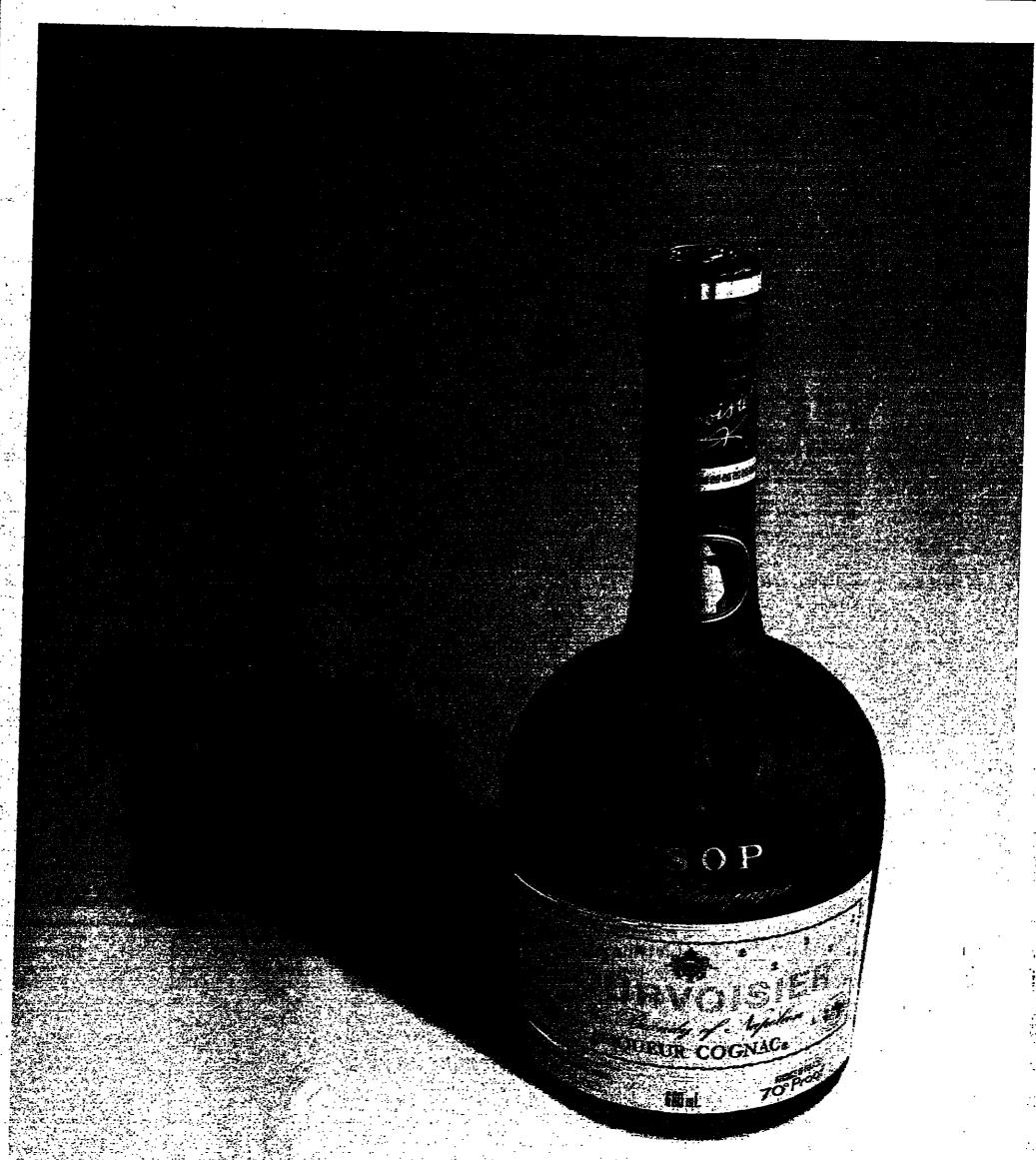
Rex Bellamy ash Rackets Correspondent or the first time squash sets is to be played on stage:
theatre, with seats available the stalls, circle and upper le. The event will be the third upionship of the International ish Players Association, the tion the Gaumont Theatre, hampton, and the sponsors Abbey Life Assurance Com-

nary and first rounds will be ed at the Trojans Club, East-1. From February 9 to 13 the apionship will be contested at Gaumont, where what has be-known as a "demountable"

ie Southampton venture is as ing Initiative. Any imporation shares the game's pleasures a larger and wider public is squash club, Abbeydale Park, Sheffield. Squash is such an intimate game that ideally, the public should be gathered close to the action and all around it, as they are at Abbeydale Park and conceivably could be at, for example the Albert Hall if the same's commercial growth should game's commercial growth should ever justify such a distinguished environment.

It seems that squash clubs as increasingly regarded as inadquate for the speciator appeal of the big events. But the Chichester tournament to be played at the local club from February 25 to

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and politically.

These feelings are reciprocated, if less stridently, in the Rhodesians' attitude to the guerrilla leaders. Personally,

shows, do they have much comprehension of the guerrillas' nationalism or their politics.

But while the two sides come

out of the conference holding each other in mutual disregard,

n their present standing. The

stage of the conference has been grudging. Now that they

accept the ceasefire, they enter the run-up to the elections feeling resentment, believing in some respects they are being cheated, and their bitterness is

mainly directed at the British Government, in the person of Lord Carrington, the confer-

good order, with a sense that it has secured a sound basis on

which to fight an election campaign. This disparity in their

Although much has been said

in tribute to Lord Carrington's decisive handling of the con-ference, he could not have

succeeded in getting so far how-

ever inspired his touch and timing might have been, had it not been for the much larger

and wider influences converg-

ing on a successful outcome.

The most important of these

was probably the war weary-ness and economic straits of the

Patriotic Front's backers, the states on which they depend for sanctuary and support, All the more surprising therefore that the Patriotic

Front have seemed so slow to see which way the wind was blowing at Lancaster House.

Acain and again their handling

of the negotiations has seemed

contrast Bishop Muzorewa's delegation emerges in

Front assent at each

Brotherly love, all too absent round the table



Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo at Lancaster House

If the war of words which has characterized the peace talks on Rhodesia these past 14 weeks was supposed to induce a spirit of reconciliation among the parties, or at least a decent respect, one side for the other. show for it. Bishop Muzorewa's delegathen the long negotiations at Lancaster House have proved a In this sense the parties, or at least a decent respect, one side for the other,

less clever, managed to put itself on the right side of decisions, by reacting quickly. It is altogether too easy to say they had nothing to lose or then the long negotiations at Lancaster House have proved a mere satraps of L. Lord Carrington The Patriotic Front have never concealed the contempt which they feel for the Africans who as they see it, sold out by joining Bishop Muzorewa's "puppet" regime. They despise them more than the whites do lieves that the single most important concession at the conference, which made the whole thing feasible, was Bishop Muzorewa's agreement them more than the whites do the Rhodesia Front. Overall, they have dismissed their opponents as being beneath serious consideration morally to give up the power he had won and to stand down.

Naturally the two sides the Patriotic Front have their differences, though they have held together remarkably well. For all their claims to represent the people of Zimbabwe-claims earned by sacrifices and struggle, some members of the Rhodesians' arms.

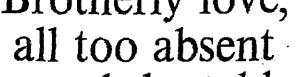
guerrilla leaders. Personany,
they fear and mistrust them.
Nor, as the often repeated
of "communism" alliance may not in their deep-est sense have believed in a semiement, at least on the terms

war in the bush to the negotiat-ing table. And having arrived at Lancaster House there was a temptation to underestimate their opponents. Certainly it was difficult for the Patriotic was difficult for she Partionic Front to appreciate how much the political background had changed, since the ill-fated Anglo-American plan and that with new men and a new approach, their former nego-tiating possure needed to be

Lord Carrington always held the initiative in calling the con-ference in setting deadlines for the constitution in insisting on the interim arrangements, in sticking to his ceasefire pro-posals in sending out Lord Soames as governor before final agreement and in main second class without the Patriotic Front.

It is probably unfair to say as has been suggested, that the Patriotic Front were victims of their own propaganda. Never-theless it has been extremely hard for them to negociate in a positive spirit, for understandable reasons. The net result is that they have come out of the conference, which will certainly be hailed as a success by the western world and now that too looking less capable and composed than they deserve. Meanwhile the underlying prob-lems of their own unity have still to be faced.

David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent.





to lack adroitness and skill despite their leaders undoubte abilities. Again and again, they have pitched their demands extravagantly high only to back down, without all that much to

tion, though in an obvious sense this gamy and flea-ridden hare, care to describe the presumed train of events by which Mr Churchill's role as an assistant to the Tories' frontbench defence expert connects in a sinister manner with his role as the



The ghost of witch-hunts past

It is well known that, in Santayana's words, "Those who do not remember who were the past are condemned to repeat it.".

What is less well known is that there are some people who remember the In case Mr Wellbeloved and comrequest, let me show them how might be done. Let us envisage Mr Churchill and Mrs Khashoggi relaxing tly well and enjoy repeatpast perfectly wen and the self-righteous, humbug-flavoured, mean-souled drone of Mr James Wellbeloved, MP, on the radio at the together. She smooths his brow, he basks. He sips a drink, she nibbles a stuffed olive. Then she sneaks. weekend, talking about the affaire of Young Winston, will know what I mean. You do not have to be more " Darling." "It must be so interesting, the work you do-I mean, having to see all then about 35 to have first-hand adult recollections of the Affaire of 1963, and even if you are a good deal younger you can read one of the many accounts still available of those

those generals and admirals, and discuss the defences of your country."

"Oh, well, you know-it's really just another job, and besides. I'm not exactly a general myself, or even a minister."
"No, but you must know a lot that

you can never reveal."
"Well, not really—I mean I don't know how the H-bomb works, or

anything like that."
"Darling, I'm sure you're being too modest. I bet you know lots about, whether the Belgian-made C23 rifle is going to become standard issue in Nato forward areas despite the rival claims on resources of the American-parented recoilless fastloading and how far cross-standardization and how far cross-standardization of weapons-systems has gone and particularly whether Saceur has expressed himself satisfied with the rate of progress lately, and when the long-promised nay, impatiently-awaited—redeployment of "tac-nukes" for Baor is to

"Well, funny you should ask that, because it so happens that I do know a bit about it. For

Yes? Something like that, was it? Or not? And if not, what? Just how is this a matter which concerns security? How did Mr Churchill give away military secrets be didn't have woman who wouldn't have understood them acting on behalf of a man

If it didn't take place as I have suggested, how did it take place? And if it didn't take place, and couldn't have taken place, and abviously couldn't and didn't take place, what is left of Mr Wellbeloved

An odour by no means of sauctity. And some smell even worse. Mr Denis Canavan, MP, for instance, affects to believe that Mr Churchill should "do the honourable thing and resign his seet.", apparently on the ground that he has committed adulground that he has commented adultery. My own researches into the sex-tives of MPs, the fruits of which are to be published in a six-volume, copiously-illustrated study by the Oxford University Press, are still incomplete; still, they already show that if every Member of Parliament who had committed adultery were to recipil his or has take these partial has resign his or her seat, there would be so much green leather vacated by the resigning ones that inexperienced the resigning ones that inexperienced visitors to the public gallery might assume that they had come to the wrong place and were at Wembley Football Stadium. (And this, I may say, does not include those like the former Chairman of Mr Canavan's party who was in the habit, while a member, of buggering the occasional House of Commons wasters on the premises—and he wasn't even a member of the Kirchen Committee.)

O hypocrisy, what crimes are com-O hypocrisy, what crimes are com-mitted in thy name! And not com-

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services. I had under-stood that his department had approached officials at Buckingham Palace and raised the question of the "By Appointment" citations for supphers of cigarettes, whereat I priched into his department and him. naturally accept his assurance, which he gave immediately after my column appeared, that that is not so and I apologise for my error and

down the years and the With a roar of unholy for ", I wrote ". With a roar of unholy for ", I wrote dein The Pendulum Years, prived flung themselves on the sated, and I went on to quote. Swift's "Censure is the Tax a mannent". And here we go again.

True, a few members of the torme True, a few members of the natural cast will not be treading the boards this time. Sir Harold Wilson is unlikely to declare that the revelation of Mr Churchill's affeir has "shocked the moral conscience of the nation", if only because so many of Sir Harold's friends have since found Hardid's friends have since round themselves escaping criminal prosention only through timely death, suicide or precipitate flight from the country that he might find it better not to speak in such stem terms today, and Mr John Cortile will hardly insist this time that the business is an afroat to the Christian conscience of the nation at a time when standards in

nation at a time when arandards in public life need to be mainteined at the highest level, his own claim to be a good judge of the standards of public life having been brought rather sharply into question when he was obliged to resign from the House of Commons after the disclosure that he had been in the pay of Mr.

But that will leave plenty more I called the 1963 affair "the most staining episode of the entire decade". And I went on to say something that Mr Churchill may now perhaps draw some confort from: When perhaps tomorrow and per-haps next year, another public man

is found to have private standards that do not accord with the nation's unspoken assumptions about public life, he may well admit to the House of Commons that his sexual relations are not what the House of Commons would like them to be, and trust successfully to public opinion, purged of guilt by its excess of righteousness in the Sixties, to defend him against the House's reaction. up the whole business in words which do not seem to me to need the evenus of the past few days. Of the man in the eye of the artificial storm, wrote that he

was not as good as the inpossible and imaginary figure of the public man who had for so long been invested with qualities no man could possess or at least no man could possess of at least maintain for long, and who had then been put under half-fearful, helf-gleeful warch by a public which was waiting for him to fall. Nor was he as had as once he fell, he was made out to be when the boil burst, the truth about the public men (which is only, after all, that they are the same men as or least ones) became that the whose argument was spurious a screen thrown up to hide the real argument behind.

Bur if the present argument is "spurious, a screen thrown up to hide the real argument behind", what real content is there in the affair of Mr Churchill? Well, whatthird having bowed out of the business—will settle, or have already settled, matters between them in a manner which they find fitting, and which we have no locus standi to find

The House of Commons disgracefully in 1963. It then had some shadow of a miserable and unworthy excuse in the claim to be representing public opinion. I do not representing public opinion. I do not believe it has any such excuse today. The people are usually wiser than their masters, and in these matters almost invariably so: Faced with a proposal that it should discuss Mr Churchill's behaviour, the House of Commons will be wise to turn to Next Business and at once.

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As the Labour Party again aims its guns at private education, John Rae looks to the future

Will Labour and the public schools ever live together?

many accounts still available of those heady days. I wrote one such myself, in my book The Pendulum Years, from which I am going to take the liberty of quoting today, because from some of the comments passed so far in the matter of Mr Churchill it is easy to believe that we have because archives when the passed some that we have

learned nothing whatever from the shoddy witch-hunt which pursued the

central figure in that earlier disgrace.

For some of the lines in the present drama are taken word-for-word

from the earlier one; I would not have believed without the sensible

and true avouch of mine ears that there could be people today maintain-ing that they are concerned about the security aspects of the Churchill affair, just as their predecessors did.

What vile cant it was, what viler canteant it is! Mr Churchill had an

affair with the wife of a man who,

among other things, dealt in arma

ments on a considerable scale. Mr Churchill, for part of the time during

which the *liaison* continued, was a

junior defence spokesman for the

then Conservative Opposition. There-

But therefore what? Would Mr

In its relations with the public translated into political action. schools, the Labour Party In the first half of this century shows all the frustration of a the party was not in a position Victorian husband who cannot find a legal basis for disposing of his wife and has not the will to attempt a cruder solu-tion. The party abuses and threatens: the schools respond with spirit or temerity according to their confidence at the time. It seldom occurs to flatly refused to do so. "Those either side that since they days are over", he told me. have got to live together they might as well work out a might as well work out a means of doing so that would benefit everyone, not least the

This negative and short-

sighted bickering is a compara-tively recent aspect of the rela-tionship. The Labour Party has a long-standing aversion to what it regards as centres of privilege whether in the form of public schools or the house of public schools or the house of Lords, but until 1964 the public schools were not even mentioned in a Labour election manifesto. The hostility was there but it was expressed in speeches and resolutions at the public of the speeches and resolutions at the speeches are speeches and resolutions at the speeches and resolutions at the speeches and resolutions at the speeches are speeches and resolutions at the speeches are speeches and resolutions at the speeches are speeches and resolutions at the speeches and the speeches are speeches are speeches and the speeches are speeches are speeches and the speeches are spee party's annual conference. Manifestos express the modest expectations, conference reso-lations the uncompromising hopes. A characteristic resolu-tion advocated a planned atrack on the so-called public schools, this bastion of priv-ilege and royal mad to positions of power and influence The public schools leave their opponents, if not exactly speechless with rage, at least struggling in the cross-currents

the party was not in a position to initiate radical reform. Even the sweeping Labour victory of 1945 did not herald an attack on public schools, though many Labour voters believed that it would. The porter I hailed to take my trunk to the But there he was wrong, Clement Attlee's Government had more important things to do.

The 13 years of Conservative lity to public schools but Transport House had to remind party speakers in 1958 that abolition was not "There are those who would like to see the public schools abolished. It is difficult to see how this could be done. Just as it was found impos-sible, in introducing the National Health Service, to forbid the existence of a private nursing home, so it is difficult in a democracy to forbid parents to pay for sending their children to independent schools if they choose to spend their money in this way."

. But the party was not pre-pared to do nothing. The pressure for action came from the Gaitskellites not from the far left. The latter had no interest



Lords were useful reminders of the need for class struggle. Thus it was fear that a privi-leged sector of education was playing into the Marxists hands that prompted the social democrats to demand that the next Labour government next Labour government should do something about the public schools. The schools not for the first or last timenot for the first or last time— misread the political signs and thought they were being threatened with abolition by extremists whereas in fact they re being offered a role by

It was the Labour moderates who ensured that the 1964 who ensured that the 1964 manifesto committed the party to establishing "an educational trust to advise on the best way of integrating the public-

Her about putting my

Is it too much to expect that the schools andthe Labour Party should start discussing their differences without bigotry and dogmatism?

flop. Its proposals for using tion in this country". But once the public schools to meet a again the gap between inten-supposed boarding need were tion and action was wide. The not taken seriously by anyone and its recommendation that the direct grant should be ended only served to divide the independent sector more completely from the main-

The failure of the Public chools Commission forced moderates to think in terms of abolition. In 1973, Mr Roy Hartersley, the Labour education left. The latter had no interest in establishing "an educational tersley, the Labour education in integrating the public bust to advise on the best way spokesman, put this new hard ton system any more than it had in reforming the House of schools into the state system of masters: "I must above all had in reforming the House of education". But from the else leave you in no doubts all privilege away, the public and the House of Schools Commission was a tually to abolish private educa-

1974-79 Labour Government did nothing abour the public schools apart from exploring the possibility of removing charitable status.

Now in opposition the Labour Party is again making threatening noises. The party's National Executive Council has National Executive Council has set up a working party "to consider several entiress and ways to attack the independent schools". Once again democratic realities will force the party to conclude that abolition is not an eption. The public schools and the Labour Party have got to live together whether they like it or not Is

it too much to expect that both sides will recognize this fact and start discussing their differences without bigony and

dogmatism? Mr Neil Kinnock, the present Labour spokesman, has invited the public schools to define their role. That is a fair question. I hope the schools will respond by affirming their belief in the value of an independent sector. But they must go further than that. Freedom, as headmasters are fond of telling their senior pupils, imposes responsibilities. It is one of the responsibilities of the public schools: to demonstrate that they are not just in-perested in their own survival but have a long-term contributo make to the education provision of the country.

The duthor is Head Master of Westminster School and a former Chairman of the Headmasters Conference

LONDON DIARY

Getting on the Jenkins' bandwaggon So far the call of Mr Roy Jenkins, the well-paid Messiah

of Brussels, for a strengthening of the "radical centre" of British politics might seem to have failen on relatively stony

True, Mr Dick Taverne, the ormer Labour Minister and Independent Democratic Labour MP, has since spoken on a Liberal platform just before the Hertfordshire South West byelection. But his selvice to Labour supporters to vote Liberal seems to have been largely ignored.

Beneath the surface, however. it seems that seeds are begin-ning to germinate. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, has been in touch with Mr Jenkins. Since the Liberals cannot hope to get into power by themselves, it would be helpful if the "radical centre" pursued a parallel or convergent, rather than divergent course.

And then there have been in-And then there have been to formal discussions between potentially radically central characters like Taverue himself, Mr David Marquand, former Lebour MP and Jenkins' adviser in Brussels, and Mr Robert Macleman MP, another former Lebour junior minister. ormer Lebour junior minister. "In my view the Jerkins enthusiastic about Marxism, he says he is coming back to in Bonn, he went as ambasished vendors in the Covent Garden bandwaggon will be rolling because in July 1935 Keyner Cambridge in two weeks, in Kann, where his British atea, the international Institute fairly soon", says Taverne. He wrote to the Soviet embastished pharmed to stay the fail counterpart was Sir Adminy for Strategic Studies has just leas spoken to five sitting has spoken to five sitting has spoken to five sitting wanted to live "more of get something ready for publi-deputy in new-colonial southern here in Adam Street into a four. "In my view the Jenkins bandwaggon will be rolling tairly soon", says Taverne. He has spoken to five sitting

in the Labour Parry either inevitable or desirable. They said there were many more. Their ranks would probably be greatly swollen if the Labour Party decided to pull Britain out of the EEC; if its national executive wrote the next mani-festo; or if the party confer-

Another Blunt apostle?

Did Anthony Blunt's Cambridge converts to Soviet-style communism include the mighty if eccentric Austrian-born philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein? The question is prompted by the coincidence of the sale at

Sorheby's yesterday of a post-card sent by Wittgenstein from Moscow on September 18, 1935 to the Cambridge philosopher G. E. Moore; and fresh details of Wittgenstein's association with the Cambridge Apostles society in Paul Levy's recent

Wittgenstein returned to Cambridge early in 1929: he had left in 1914 to join the Austrian army, and had been. captured and imprisoned by the Allies in southern Italy in November 1918. He rejoined the Apostles at a supper party given by Maynard Keynes on January 19, at which Blunt, a new Apostle, was also present. Clearly Wittgenstein waxed entiresiastic about Merxista.



less permanently" in Russia, and although not a Communist Party member, had strong sympathies with the way of life which he believed the new regime smood for.
It seems that the harshening

of conditions in Russia upset Watgenstein's plans. In his postcard to Moore (showing a general view of the Kremin) he says he is coming back to

cation—" whether successfully. Rhodesia. The Ruhfuses have God knows "—and asked Moore three daughters, aged 14, 17 and God knows "-and asked Moore if he thought it wise to announce his projected lectures. Great postcard writer he was

New ambassador When I was The Times cor-respondent in Bonn, from 1969 to 1972, there were two excep-tionally able spokesmen at the Foreign Ministry. One was Dr Goido Brunner, now EEC Commissioner for Energy in Brussels; his predecessor was Dr Jürgen Rubfus, who at the age of 49 becomes the Federal Republic's ambassador in Lon-

don next mouth. Dr Ruhfus is a tellish, dark, rather good-looking man who combines charm and ability: without a large measure of the large, he would certainly not have survived for three years in his present, highly exacting post as Chancellor Schmidt's senior edviser on foreign affairs and defence at the Bonn

Born in Bochum, in the Rhur the son of a mechanical engineer, Dr Rushins studied ecodomics and law in Munich, Munich, Uppeala, and Denver, Colorado. His first trip should as a scinolibry was to Landon as a guest of the London Federation of Roya Chabe Later he did a vacation course at

After his sint as spokesman

Chelsification.

The pleasure of living on Hampstead's salubrious upper slopes is merred by only two things: the horrendous rapes (second only to Westminster's); and the inexorable Chelsifica-tion of the village.

At the last count, there were in Heath St and High St some 40 fashion bounques, learning out old-established chothes

shops; and 31 restaurants, both categories catering almost entirely to passing trade.

As old-fashioned ironmongers, food shops, launder-ettes and the like burchers

ettes and the like butchers seem curiously resilient—go to the wall, Hampstead's residents have to range further and further affield for necessities.

Alas, some of the old tenants have been tempted to sell off their leases for a far profit.

What sickens some locals is What sickers some locale is that the handlords, in many cases the GLC or Cameler Council, have no powers to any the forces of commercialism from running rampent over social and community need.

Strategic studies As it to give some intellectual gravitae to all those restaurants,

craft shops and goet cheese vendors in the Covent Garden ares, the International Institute for Strategic Studies has just

floor building on one of the many corners of Tavistock

The freehold and refurbishment cost some £900,000, says the Institute's director Mr the institute's director Mr Christoph-Bertram So far some 1660,000 has been raised, roughly a third from demo-cratic governments? (European, North American and Asian), who were asked for help for the first time. The rest came from industry, foundations (the institute's mainstay), and individual and corporate and individual and corporate members of which there are roughly 2,000 in more than 60

countries.

The new building was inaugurated with a conference on instabilities in the Gulf: A sign, says Bertram, the strategic studies should be less exclusively concerned with east west problems and increasingly with those of the third world.

Richard Webb, of the years Exeter publishing house of Webb and Bawer, believes he has pulled off the publishing coup of the century: he has sold the West German jissaw rights for The Country Diary of an Edwardian Ludy, for a four figure sum Edith Holden's charmingly illustrated journal charmingly illustrated journal has now sold more than one million copies in hardback in the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, where it is published jointly with Michael Joseph, and a further half million elsewhere, including Japan. A Russian translation is a possibility.

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Once great power is granted, there is a danger of it being abused. Rather than risk such abuse, it is . . . the duty of the courts so to construe the statute as to see that it encroaches as little as possible upon the liberties of the people of England." On the surface, it seems that some violence was done to that principle—the words are Lord Denning's—in the House of Lords last week. Two cases of considerable importance to civil liberties were decided by the law lords. In both, the application of an illiberal law was upheld. In each, a decision of the Court of Appeal, presided over by Lord Denning, was reversed.

Throughout the history of the English legal system there have existed two broad strands of judicial approach. There have been those judges who have taken the view that, without usurping the functions of Parliament, a judge has the duty to interpret the law, as far as he can, in a way which accords with social and personal justice, which upholds rather than destroys the civil liberties of the individual. which looks with suspicion and not equanimity on the increasing encroachment of the state and other power-groups in the lives of citizens. Lord Denning is the most distinguished living and Lord Mansfield the most distinguished historic example of such a judicial activist.

There is another kind of judge who sees his task as maintaining the authority of the state, inter-preting Acts of Parliament narrowly, supporting the words of the law in preference to the justice of the case, and affirming that it is for Parliament to change a law that turns out to be unjust or absurd, and not for judges to achieve that result through statutory interpretation. In recent years, the House of Lords has, in general, followed: that path, and Lord Devlin has recently, in The Judge (Oxford University Press); presented a powerfully argued case; in support of judicial conservation. There is something to be said

for both approaches, though our admiration goes to Lord Denning. But at a time when an increasing. number of laws are being passed which adversely affect the freedom of the individual—there are, a dispute, even if that is an leaky umbrella.

seventies, should in the end

showed how hard it was politi-

cally to impose a major national

airport on a local community

without irresistible evidence that

the choice was right. This led to

the Roskill inquiry, an heroic attempt to secure irresistible

force by a technique for attach-

ing objective prices to subjective

values. The government of the

day immediately reaffirmed the role of the subjective by backing

quite another horse to the one

Roskill's method had led to. Soon

afterwards the 1973 oil crisis

threw into disarray all the buoyant traffic predictions that

previous schemes had been based

has inclined governments ever

since to seek an alternative

which would give scope for a

wide variety of rates of traffic

growth without the vast expense

and controversy that would sur-

round proposals for a wholly new

errport. Implicitly, and now ex-

plicitly, they have been drawn

hack, irresistibly, to Stansted

Stansted from his short list on

the grounds that too many people

round the SDLP to his devolution

conference in Ulster. Aspects of

Irish unity, while not on the

agenda, are not to be ruled out

of order either. The addition of

this tinge of green to the pro-

ceedings has not switched off the

Rev lan Paisley, who continues

to wear the improbable disguise

of a moderate. So the conference,

including also the Alliance Party,

is expected to get going on

January 7: but still with the in-

tended absence of the Ulster

Unionists, the party that had more votes than any other in the

general election in May, three times as many as Mr Paisley's

party. Although Mr Paisley since

his personal success in the Euro-

pean election would like to be

thought to speak comprehen-

sively for Protestant Ulster, the

fact is that the larger part of the

spectrum of unionist opinion will

not he represented at Mr Atkins's

Difficult as it is for them to

Roskill summarily excluded

The logic of this train of events

enactments giving powers to various inspectors to enter private premises it is of fundamental importance that judicial interpretation should not further diminish the rights of the individual against potentially oppressive conduct by the more powerful. It is essential that the courts do not allow those who have power to exercise it without restraint. One method by which the courts can impose controland they have done it in this way for centuries-is by applying objective, rather than subjective criteria and using the test of reasonableness.

In recent years there has been some concern that the House of Lords has, in its judgments, been unnecessarily supportive of authority at the expense of the individual, that they have accepted unreasonable official excuses. On the fact of it the two cases last week hear this out. Closer scrutiny, however, does not support such a harsh stricture, though it does leave more than a little room for unease.

In Express Newspapers Lid v Macshane, the issue was whether or not refusal to handle Press Association copy on the part of journalists who were not themselves in any dispute—secondary blacking—was "in furtherance of a trade dispute", and there-fore immune from civil action against them by their employers. The Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 confers on unions a vast array of immunities from such action. These immunities are usually available even where a great deal of harm has resulted from a union's activities. It is accordingly crucial that such a law should be. interpreted restrictively. The House of Lords decided, unanimously, that the action by the journalists fulfilled the test of being "in furtherance of a trade dispute", thus providing legal authority in support of second-

ary blacking. The trade unions should not, however, rejoice too soon. Four of the five judges rejected the purely subjective test, to the effect that it is enough for the unionist honestly to believe that

six million for Heathrow). This

Stansted and a brand-new air-

port elsewhere, it would be easy

to find a candidate better from

this point of view (although

The catastrophic end to avia-

tion growth that some predicted

in 1973 has not happened. Demand is still steadily climbing,

and the post-Ayatollah forecasts

that Mr John Nott based his argu-

ments on yesterday imply a very

similar course of growth in the

coming decade to the forecasts

made in the White Paper nearly

two years ago. They may be

wrong, but they may be right. Air

communications are too impor-

tant to Britain's trading role, and

too expensive, for us to disregard

either possibility. In view of the

uncertainties over world oil sup-

plies, and the need to avoid extra

public spending, it would be folly

to embark on a large-scale pro-

ject at Stansted or anywhere else. We must use what scope

there is for piecemeal expansion

it has more room for growth than Heathrow, Garwick or

sufficient, reasons for thinking

that a conference with this

agenda at this time would do

more harm than good to the

strife-torn political society of the

province; and they had some

right to expect that this mani-

festo-conscious government would

cut the cackle and do what its

manifesto appeared to say it

would do about Ulster, namely

seek to establish one or more

regional councils with a wide

range of powers over local ser-

vices". That may have seemed

good enough grounds for trying to spike the devolution confer-

ence; but having failed to stop

it they would be better off in-

this question of tactics, and are

in evident danger of being out-

manoeuvred by Mr Paisley in a

competition for the Protestant:

vote. They may think their best

chance is still to stand back and

wait for the conference to fail.

The Unionists are divided on

side than out.

on so, the leadership of the But it may not altogether fail, Ulster Unionist Party should now and even if it does Mr Paisley

It is Stansted's misfortune that

at existing airports.

THE UNIONISTS SHOULD JOIN THE TALKS

Mr Humphrey Atkins has won consent to go along. They had round the SDLP to his devolution sound, though not it must be said

rather more expensive as well).

But that is not the choice.

the choice were berween

THE MOVING FINGER POINTS TO STANSTED

rebound on the victors. Stansted argument still holds great force.

for instance, more than 200 absurd and totally unrealistic belief to hold. There must be, the four law lords emphasized, something more. The belief that the action was in furtherance of a trade dispute must not only be honest but also reasonable, and the courts have the right to judge on the reasonableness or otherwise of such a view. It is unfortunate that Lord Diplock perhaps inadvertently favoured the subjective test, which would make an already intolerable Act

even more anti-libertarian.
In Commissioner of Inland
Revenue v Rossminster Ltd, an
early morning raid by tax
inspectors on a business, and on
private homes connected with it private homes connected with it, was held to be valid, by a majority of four judges to one. There are suspicions that the tax inspectors were on a fishing expedition to stop not tax fraud but legal avoidance. The search warrants were issued by a circuit judge, as laid down in the televant Act. The dissenting judge. the House of Lords, Lord Salmon, took the view that the circuit judge had not inquired into the evidence backing up the Inland Revenue's assertion, on oath, that a tax fraud was suspected, but had issued the warrant on the basis only of what he had been told. The other four law lords, while accepting that the circuit judge had the duty to look behind the tax inspectors' assertions, made the assumption that he had done so. There does not seem to have been any investigation of whether or not the judge had in

fact taken any such steps.

The approach adopted by the judges in that case seems therefore to have been a sufficient one in law; they accepted that search warrants must only be given when the evidence justifies it; Lord Salmon's reasoning on the facts is more convincing than that of his colleagues. On the basis of last week's decisions, judgment on the performance of the House of Lords must be reserved. In neither case did they diserace themselves, in neither did they convey the impression that they took the liberty of the subject sufficiently seriously. If our liberties had to be protected his action was in furtherance ot by them, they would prove a

1990. But it must be admitted

that if demand is still rising by

then, the expansion already made at Stansted would greatly

strengthen the case for choosing

it for development into an air-

port of the largest size, handling

about lifty million passengers

strong, harsh as it must seem in

Essex. It would be stronger if

the government kept its options

wider by holding open the possibility of a fifth terminal at

Heathrow or a second runway at

Gatwick. It is right and fair to

warn the people of Stansted of

the risk that their district faces

towards the end of the century.

developments in technology may

reduce the necessity for long

runways and the nuisance of aero-

planes overhead. In changed

economic circumstances, the case

for a wholly new airport in a

less heavily populated area may

regain its attractions. But as things stand now, it is right to

make it clear that the old cloud

must again bang over Stansted.

would not necessarily be eclipsed

in the event. His last major failure cost him dear at the rime.

That was in May, 1977, when he

called for a general strike in association with Protestant para-

militaries and the strike fizzled

out. But that time the Unionist

Party profited from standing by

more moderate and cooperative

policies than he. This time they

have occupied ground where

they appear the harder and more

uncompromising men. There is

no harvest of votes for them to

reap on that flank of their

Moreover, the present Ulster

Unionist Party is the legatee of

the party which governed the

province for fifty years hand in

glove with Westminster, a party

accustomed to invoking the

principles of constitutionality

and democratic politics. It is,

incongruous that they alone

among those invited should per-

sist in declining to cooperate

with the Secretary of State in

inter-party talks about the province's institutions.

opponent

may be hoped that before then

The logic of this approach is

annually.

It is a curious irony that the lived near it and would suffer Luton. The immediate proposal battle of Stansted, the greatest excessively from a major increase is that Stansted, already destined victory ever won by the spon- in its use (at present it handles to cope with four million passengers a senger; as year, should be ments of the sixties and year, compared to about wenty expanded to handle fifteen million. With additional capacity at the other amports, this should be enough to meet demand up to

issue. For all these reasons I would plead with the corporation not to close the whole, nor a significant part, of the Llanwern plant and I will be happy to pay the necessary extra tax because I know that such a decision would be right from the social, human and industrial points

Louth, Lincolnshire. December 12.

Soviet ban on Hebrew From Mrs Helen Smith

Sir, In a recent article (November 23) Michael Binyon quotes Professor Y. Belchikov as saving that a language "offers a means of per-sonal communication". He is speaking about the Russian language, but it is equally true for all other languages and it is a pity that the Soviet authorities do not honour their obligation under the Helsinki Agreement and allow their citizens to learn whatever language they

Soviet Jews are unable to import private tutors in the Soviet Union and are therefore open for prose-cution as "parasites".

Iosif Begun is suffering in Siberia now for this very reason. Soviet Jews normally speak the Russian language as their mother tongue, but the authorities refusal

Yours guly. HELEN SMITH. 17 College Road, Bromley, December 17.

Churches and VAT From Mr W. J. Cotterell

zero rating new buildings whilst taxing repairs to older ones is illogical. One of the arguments used in favour of replacing purchase tax by VAT was that it would remove the glaring anomalies which existed in the application of that tax. Yer I am informed that if you fit double glazing it is zero rated, presumably on the grounds that it is new, whilst if you repair the existing windows you pay VAT. How ludicrous can one ger :

VAT should be removed from all

Yours faithfully, W. L COTTERELL. 8 Hillgrove Crescent, Kidderminster,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

British Steel

closures From Professor A. H. Thornton

Sir. Last week I had occasion to spend two days at British Steel's Llauwern plant on matters which have nothing to do with the point of this letter. I write simply as one of millions of taxpayers, part of whose contributions go to British Steel, to say that I am willing to go on paying these contributions (and more if necessary) in order to preserve the integrity of the man not a Welshman, so my view is uncoloured by nationalist sentiment. I can best summarise my reasons for saying this by reference

to four factors: a) The social factor. The Llanwern a) The social factor. The Llanwern plam employs something like 9,500 people, and dependent upon it are many thousands more employed in coal, in supply industries of various kinds and in commerce. We are not talking only about an integrated steel plant, we are talking about an integrated and long-established community.

It is no exaggeration to say that the closure of the whole or a sub-stantial part of the Llanwern plant will destroy that community and will destroy many of the people of whom it is composed.

If nationalisation means anything

to those of us who are not committed clause four socialists, it means that factors other than the purely economic can be taken into account in crises of this kind. b) The skill factor. Nobody could remain unimpressed by the vast con-course of skills which have come together to run the Llauwern plant. These skills are of immense variety manual, technical (the control room of No. 3 blastfurnace looks exactly like the flight deck of a science-fiction space ship); man-

If this concourse of skills is dis-sipated by closure it could never again be assembled and it would be lost to our industrial effort for all time.

(c) The capital factor. The Llanwern plant is three and a half miles long. The immensity of its capital installations has to be seen to be believed. There is no way in which this capital investment can be made again if the present plant is allowed to become derelict. American fore-casts tell us that there may well be an upsurge of demand for steel in the mid-eighties. We shall be far too poor ever to take advantage of this if the capital investment at Llauwern is allowed to lapse.

(d) The attitude factor. It is a very long time since I have observed and talked to workers who spoke of pride in their work and behaved in accordance with their spoken words. Clearly there will have to be a demanning exercise at Llanwern, but my impression was that the central concern of the workforce was to preserve the integrity of the plant and, in this context, same difficulty as it might if the future of the plant were not at

am, Sir, yours faithfully, A. H. THORNTON, Chapel Cottage, Authorpe,

Hebrew books and the language is not recognized within the USSR. Teachers of Hebrew cannot obtain the official registration needed by

to allow them to learn Hebrew is a denial of a basic human right.

As Michael Binyon pointed out, every nationality within the USSR has its own tongue and its own cultural heritage. Only the lews are prevented from educating their children in the culture of their ancestors.

Sir, Why stop at repairs to churches? The whole concept of

building work, new and repairing

Worcestershire. December 7.

Changing the writ of summons From Mr R. E. Ball technical changes in the Rules of

Sir, May I be allowed to comment on Mr Weir's criticisms, in your issue of today (December 14), of the secrecy with which an impor-tant constitutional change has been effected?

The working party to which he refers was set up as a small body of technicians without facilities for wide publicity, so our report was intended merely to be a working paper preparatory to discussion. Nevertheless I was so appalled at the proposal to abolish the Royal command that I thought it my duty to test the climate of opinion, so far as I could. Over many months, I talked about the proposal to very many people, judges, barristers, solicitors, law clerks and those outside the legal profession.

I found a very strong and nearly unanimous revulsion against the proposal and summarized my find-ings in my dissenting report. This, I am told though never officially informed, was promptly classified as confidential. Some at least were denied access to it and discussion was impeded.
When the Lord Chancellor took

upon himself to persuade the Rules Committee to reverse its decision of last year to retain the Royal command. I was informed, I can only think in the capacity of "leader of the opposition", and asked to keep the matter reasonably confidential pending the clearance of a particular point. I not unnaturally interpreted this as a licence to talk in a restricted and discreet way.

Regrettably there was a leak to the press, I know not how, and for this the Lord Chancellor personally accused me of a breach of the Official Secrets Act and gave me a severe reprimand. I had therefore to remain silent until the Rules Committee, meekly and without dis-cussion, duly reversed itself and even then I could only open my mouth by retiring from office.

It seems quite clear that there has been a deliberate policy of bringing in this far-reaching change in the relations of the judicial and executive arms of Government as a fait accompli, without the wideranging publicity and discussion which were certainly needed. For many this has come as a complete

The Rules Committee may or may not be a suitable body for effecting

Court-opinions may well difter on that—but it is certainly not a proper body for bringing in drastic changes in our constitutional foundations in the guise of procedural moderniza-Yours faithfully,

R. E. BALL, The Athenaeum, Pail Mail, SW1. December 14.

From Mr Peter M. Laverick

Sir, It has happened again. A committee "The Supreme Court Rules Committee" (whoever they may be) have changed the form of High Court Writ of summons that has been developed over 800 years. If Parliament do not reject the change, the traditional Writ will look as cheap and effective as a debt colector's formal demand.

The committee have changed it by eliminating all reference to her Majesty the Queen other than by a royal coat of arms at the head of the paper in the manner of official stationery. They have taken away the stature and authority of an imposing and demanding document which, by its very wording, let alone its content, gave significance and impact to the recipient who was commanded to enter an appearance in form at the Courts or accede to the plaintiff's demands.

The idea of the Queen as the dis-penser of justice gives teeth to our system, and an ideal to our minds. The courts are the Queen's courts; her coat of arms is generally placed over a judge in court. The Queen's Bench Division of the courts carries her name and Queen's Counsel her nominal approval. The Queen's offi-cers have always sealed writs in her name, and yer some faceless com-mittee intent on achieving the facelessness of the courts and the legal system has decided that such an

anachronism" must go.
This is a small matter but the principle is important; another sort of rust has started to eat into and undermine an effective and tried system and must be resisted by all who care for our society and state as it should be and who wish her Majesty the Queen to remain the tountain of justice. Yours faithfully, PETER M. LAVERICK,

23 Warwick Street. Sussex. December 13.

Future of Gibraltar From Major Robert Peliza

Sir, Your correspondent, Harry Debelius reporting on Senor Fraga Iribarne's visit to La Linea (December 10) quotes him as having said that: "It is in the true interest of the Gibraltarians for them to ask Great Britain to negotiate with Spain."

a political cloud of his own if he genuinely believes that it is likely that the British Gibraltarians have been persuaded by the savage re-strictions imposed by General Franco and now continued Señor Suárez to press Her Majesty's Government to negotiate their legitimate British rights in exchange for the lifting of the inhuman block-

The views of the Gibraltarians coincide with those of Sir Ian Gil-mour, the Minister of State responsible for Gibraltar; that restrictions are wrong in them-selves" and that it is "unthink-able" that Spain could join the EEC and not abide by the funda-mental principle of freedom of movement between territories

In fact the position of the vast majority of the inhabitants today is stronger than ever in their determination to preserve their British Gibraltarian rights.

What worries them is the apparent political instability of Spain and a feeling that there are insufficient safeguards with regard to security, immigration, investment employment to protect the small community, if and when the frontier re-opens, from being usurped; and the friendly alien workers, who enable the public services and Her Majesty's Dockyard to function normally and the economy to pros-per notwithstanding 15 years of restrictions and blockade, not being

similarly protected. There is a General Election in the offing and there is little doubt in anybody's mind that only those candidates who stand firmly by the wishes of the people to remain British in a British Gibraltar will be elected, as it has always been the

case. Yours faithfully, ROBERT J. PELIZA. Member of the House of Assembly, Gibraltar, December 10.

Control of local spending

From Professor John Small and Professor Alan Thompson

member states.

Sir. Recent statements by some local authority leaders seem to suggest that they are not fully aware of the serious economic peril facing the country. It is natural that they should want to maintain and improve the services which they pro-vide for their communities. Unfortunately, the present situation (deriving largely from international economic conditions) imposes strict limits on what is possible

It is also true that there is grave public concern in some parts of the country as to the quality of budgetary control of local spending, parti-cularly with regard to overmanning. Authorities vary considerably their efficiency. Admittedly, o ferent authorities face different problems, but this should not preclude comparisons of efficency in the use of manpower in a number of common services.

We would like to restate the suggestion which we made to the Lay-field Committee that a parliamentary select committee should be appointed to monitor local authority spending, with powers to send for councillors, local officials, rate-

for relevant papers and documents. It would enable the public to judge those authorities which deserve praise for their efficiency and those which could benefit from the example of others. By bringing local thinking and expertise into continuing contact

payers and independent experts and

with parliamentary concern and scrutiny, it could also inform local authorities in considerably greater depth as to the nature and magnitude of the central economic problems facing the country as a whole. We should emphasize that this is not a party issue. A responsible government of any political per-

suasing must face up to the need to bring local spending into line with overall economic strategy. A select committee is only one of a number of methods of achieving this, but it could provide a forum of mutual benefit to central and local government. Yours faithfully, JOHN SMALL. Department of Accountancy and Finance.

ALAN THOMPSON. Department of Economics. Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. December 14.

Cost to Britain of the EEC From Mr John Braddock

ir, Concerning the British contribution to the EEC budget, the following apparent prodigalities of our French neighbours might be of interest.

In the department of the Gard, where I spend some time each year. there has recently been a great reorganization whereby the many and scattered small vineyards have been grouped so that each owner has ended up with a compact holding of equivalent value. As a sweetener to this pill of disruption, large grants have been available towards improving the drainage and the tracks between the fields. indeed, some of the macks, used mainly by tractors to tend and harvest the grapes, have now a

tarmac surface. The wine produced in this area of no special quality and profits from it could never justify this most desirable but economically quite unjustifiable work. Is Britain belning to foot this hill?

Another strange practice seems to be that of paying civil servants in the departments of agriculture and roads and bridges, in those responsible for the "infrastruc-

ture", a percentage on the cost of the works which they initiate. This is not a very good way controlling expenditure but it would be a purely French matter and of no concern to us if we could also

be sure that we were not paying

this particular piper. Perhaps we, too, should play the rules for example by putting a hard surface on every tootpath in the country and paying 10 per cent to the planning officers for their permission. A more serious question, though, is what control if indeed any, the net contributing countries can exercise on the free-spending habits of the receiving countries. Yours faithfully, JOHN BRADDOCK,

The last goodbye

Salisbury, Wilishire.

South Street, Wilton,

From Squadron Leader M. A. Lacke Sir. This year we have sent all our friends a seasonal stamp—with a card enclosed! Yours faithfully, MARTIN LOCKE, 52 Laurel Close, North Warnborough, Hampshire.

Causes of improve Batter Batter productivity

From Lord Walston From Lord Walston

Sic. In your leading article londs in December 8 subtitled Only Justo. 5 secondary Bill. you refer to lamentably low productivity British industry compared with the Radio of West Germany, the USA to Redo. France. You suggest that I absence of a code of law and free market in labour in the listo a large measure responsible. is to a large measure responsible

Earlier in the article you we tollowing that, in addition to other assets, and have "small but highly efficited agriculture". Yet this major in the state of the try, whose productivity compaculture in the other countries 37, mention, operates under precis 36 the same labour conditions as our other industries. It would appear therefore, that we must look eli-where than to our trade uni-

productivity.

A study of management practivity and labour relations in agriculting and other industries with go-records and those of our le successful industries, would sure. be more useful than comparis! with industry as a whole in othcountries. I suspect that two the main factors accounting for the 4.00 good performance of our bindustries would be found to close and constant contact betwe labour and management; and dire 109kHz involvement of labour in the sig was cess of the final product. The m3 VHF. who tightens the bolts on to VHF.
assembly line has little if a
interest in the good performan
of the vehicle that eventually lear the factory: the man who ploug and drills watches the crop as grows and sees and takes pride the eventual harvest. WALSTON

Fees to overseas students

House of Lords.

From Professor D. W. Brockleshy Sir, The whole problem of fees fr doore overseas students could be over come if the Government wou recognize the Government wou recognize the used for discrimit tion. It is an accepted policy the Funthe aid programme should contine Street and there is no doubt that education is the most efficient authorized the most efficient authorized towards the poor continue directed towards the poor continue of the control of th be directed towards the poor courties of the developing world; the rich countries can pay their or way and buy any technical or ed

cational assistance that they requir We should, therefore, firmly d ferentiate between overseas studen short from the "third world" and the 12.30 from the rich countries. It would hotal easy to do this by simply drawing of the line across the list of countrie arranged in order of decreasing wealth, and charging high fees students from countries above the poorer countries. To be fairer we should draw several linacross the list and impose a sca of fees so that students from very rich countries would 12sday charged, say, £10,000 per annum an nety grade this down to students fro 11.10 very poor countries who would on You pay a nominal amount. In this we we would not only ensure th: we would not only ensure the students from the poor countries of the world could still attend of universities but we would also be playing Robin Hood by making the rich subsidize the poor.

Yours faithfully, DAVID W. BROCKLESBY. Professor of Tropical Animal Health. Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicin Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary

Studies University of Edinburgh.

Kennedy's Latin primer From Projessor A. R. Birley Sir, Classical tags are seldom use by public men these days, and may seem ungrateful or pedantic t quibble when a Latin author is mi

Mr Hugh Fraser (December 10 % recalled the provenance of impertor capax, which he applies to senator Kennedy, Had he though is a little harder, he might hav refrained from comparing the so senator, by implication, with the sill-fated emocrar Galba, capr 13 mperii, nisi imperasset, in Tacitus

Quite aside from the unfortunet echoes of the "imperial presidency" evoked by the term, on might point to the words which a Tecime puts in Galba's mouth in speech delivered a few days before his assassination; under the Julie Claudian dynasty the Romans has been treated as "the inheritance of a single family -Galba had hopes to change that. However, recourse to Suctonius's biography might have produced a remark with which Mi: Kennedy might agree: Galba used to say that no one should be held accountable for his scare time activities tound nervo rotionem on sui reddere concretur). Yours faithfully,

A. R. BIRLEY, Professor of Ancient History, University of Manchester.

Round sum

From the Reverend Patrick Horton Sir. We shall all have to cut down or presents this Christmas, but please he cenerous to the bor or girl who delivers our daily paper.

These young people have to ret up at 6.30, set out on their rounds go hame, change, hate highlight and he at school, probably by publie transport, by 9 rea. And they do this whatever the weather, a'l the year round. I have, Sir, etc., PATRICK HORTON 79 Brighton Road. Godalming, Surrey,

Dam buster From Mr. J. F. O. Switzer Sir, Ternedo nete, Yours farthfulle. J. F. O. SWITZER Sidney Suspex College, Cambridge

December 17.

From Mr Sydney Cowan Sir, Edward Mornimer's article on

Arabs and Israel

Israel and the Palestinians (December 10) refers to Mr Qaddumi and Mr al-Hassan as moderates seeking a peaceful solution of the Middle East problem. At the recent conference on Jerusalem held in Landon organized by the Arabitates, Israel was accused of burning the El Aksa Mosque in 1969, " Judaising " the City of Jerusalem,

asked for explanations of financial agreements between Zionist leaders and Hitler. Mr Hassan also advised

destroying Islamic holy places, and "attacking Christian boly places, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre". In addition Mr Hassan accused Israel of trying to practice sex in the El Aksa Mosque, and the conference that a new state would help Jews to survive from the "filthy racism," of Zionism.

Mr. Quadumi concluded his remarks as "the PLO Foreign Minister" by requesting racist

Zionisis to join with the Arabs in democratizing the state. destroyed by the Palestinians. Yours faithfully, S. COWAN. The Colonnades.

May I point out that the only democratic state in the whole of the Middle East in particular and the Arab world in general is Israel. The Lebanon could once have been similarly described, but whatever democracy flourished there has been 82 Bishops Bridge Road, Bayswater, W2.

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

hat, right: By Bermons, ind £10, buyable everywhere, the most important shape. must be tided away. The ress Elizabeth chignon rules ggling locks will not do.

er dress. By David and Eliza-David and abeth are among this couns most gifted and dedicated ducts of our state training em and have now opted to only for private clients. address is 26a Brook London W.1, tel. 01-629 David and Elizabeth have ssed Princess Michael of Kent ong other lovelies and seem to get the wedding order for Hon. Victoria Mancroft when weds her prince in February next year. Gold lamé strapless npsurt, huge black tulle skirt stole embroidered with stars moons in gold and silver. order. I think you could get ay without the wand, unless ere is going to be anyone at a party you particularly dislike.





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Having only ever re-ceived one fashionable Christmas present, a parcel of dubious lingerie from lovelorn National Service Coldstreamer who I judge must have been stationed in the cassan, this writer has main-tained a certain cynicism about such gifts and a certain reti-cence to advise on the page.

In London there may be a In London there may be a towny confidence or a certain discretion in asking advice. Who is it for they may be thinking that you are thinking as they sound you out on the price of Jamet Reger French knicks as apposed to Dorothy Perkins or Miss Selfridge ditto and you have just caught sight of the only legitimate object of their donation and she looks much more suited to some woolly combs.

Down in the country things

Down in the country things are different. If you are the fashion editor of The Times you jolly well ought to know what to give the old girl/daughters. ter / housekeeper / girl groom /
maiden aunt, and be specific
about it, too. No point in
struggling round that ghastly
West End with taxis the price
they are. So here goes.

they are. So here goes.

Definitely not green tights. There are a lot of these around and they are to be left to Peter Pan and small boys enacting Robin Hood in which case it is perfectly all right for them to look as though their legs had been struck by some lichenous blight and for the crotch section to be somewhere just above the to be somewhere just above the

knee.

Also avoid those dreadful tights with dots or splashes of pattern. They make the wearer seem to have bubonic plague. Funny patterns up the outside of the leg can be vulgar (when will a clever manufacturer bring back those darling little "clocks" just up to the ankle which drove Edwardians wild?) but seams up the back, provided the lady can be guaranteed to get them on straight, are very in. Elben have finally produced a range of support tights in smart colours, very sheer very che and currently being snatched off the counters. being snatched off the counters by the most beautiful model

garis.

Hats. They are very pretty and very smart now, but only for a woman who is prepared to make up and artile her hair to complete the effect. Tiny bowlers, shallow-crowned felts with a veil—very feminine all that business of raising it and not certing it stuck into the all that business of raising it and not getting it stuck into the cigarette, canape or dry martini like some sort of sieve. Colours should be black, white, or scarlet. Best hat departments, Peter Robinson, Fenwicks, Harrods.

Gloves. These should be woolly, appear to be hand-made even if not, and have a Fair Isle pattern across the knuckles. Mittens are very smart, too, and can be bought everywhere at every price. Town ladies like them because all that strabbling in the purse makes boles in the gloves—if you give gloves, move into the haberdashery department and top up with a card of darning wool—and country ladies like them be-Gioves. These should be woolly.

cause it is so much easier to fasten the throat latch. Dress, Don't. Not unless are very sure. Gifter is the can buy it at any price 1

of the glitter market is Marcel.
Fenez shop at 26 Brook Street,
London W1 with stunning
sequinned jackets and whole
dresses reminiscent of Harrnell or Norman Norell.

or Norman Norell.

Boots. Since these cost a lot, a nice present but watch out. On no account give the ones which come to just below the knee because skirts are going to get shorter and the one crime in fashion now is a gap twitt the two. Go for midcall, Texanstyle boots with a thick heel, or much better, for bottines, little ankle boots with a delicious cuff around the ankle and naughty high heels. By the way do not despise the bedroom slipper. They should be with a 1½ inch heel, velvet, in claret or black made by Gannex and bandity suitable for the boudoir, putting out the dustoins, or going to the opera in a long frock.

Jewelry. Never before has this

Jewelry. Never before has this been less a status item and so much a fashionable one. I supmuch a fashionable one. I suppose the change derives in part from the tremendous cost of insurance and from the very natural dislike of being banged on the head for one's engagement ring, but there is a much more subtle explanation. With increasing confidence in the individual, jewelry has become more private. This goes for men and women. Some time 'ago I wrote about the change in society which would render the society which would render the far whores of the fin de siecle not admired but ludicrous for all their diamonds. So much more sexy is the finest gold or platinum chain with just one or two stones worn inside the silk

Again, they come at every price. Wonderful barbaric gold from Gerard in Grafton Street, W.1. and do not be too dismissive of gold; it has the advantage that you never ever have to take it off and it is useful for supporting your car-keys-all you



plunge about off the coast of

Very fine delicate chains from Booty in Bond Street or James in Beauchamp Place Charming in Reauchamp Place. Charming wilt copies from every department store in the country. The only officer smart present is pean stud earnings, Ciro to Carrier, but not more than three eighths, of an inch in diameter. By the way, the stones on the chain should be circular and set around with metal, unless you are going to wear your heart on your chequebook and buy the sensational piece Harry Winston showed at the recent exhibition of great lewels: at Asprey in Bond Street. I must admit to a penchant for the six and a half inum chain, just the length for no-one except the donor to be able to discover it at an approximate E60,000.

Perfume. What can I say when she knows what she loves and what you love her to wear?
What I shall say is that a
change is as good as a rest, so
mp out and get her any of the fumers Workshop produces essential oils which you can mix together; you can buy them at Selfridges. Rachkams of Bir-mingham, by Barkers in Kens-

ington.

The truly foxy male will head for Penhaligon, Wellington Spreet Covent Garden though because with scents becoming more unisex if you dish out a jorum of Hamman Bonquer there is a sporting chance you can get to dab it behind your own ears. Sophisticated women love to wear a masculine scent because not only is it delicious but it can create just the timest but it can create just the timiest alarm, that she is newly from-the company of Another

I almost forget Scarves. No. Only for the men in your life, in which rase they (the scarves, not the men) sleple be long. decorated with a few stars, or matter ment, sneath of the many of the scarves not encrusted book tubes, which are what we used to call strapless the men) and they will wear them around the turbules in black, to be worn with black velvet and the really dashing like trousers and a blazer. Top end of the glitter market is Marcel pattern should be plain or plaid and the really dashing like their scarves a foot wide and are using them as overcoats. This means that if we have a This means that it we have a winter like the last you can put an asterisk against them for next year, by which time you may have to be thinking about scarves for the old girl/house-keeper/daughter/girl groom/maiden aunt. Don't ask, me.



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OURT CIRCULAR becember 17. Princess Alexandra, Isputy Colonel in Chief. The Light. niantry, this morning received vision-General P. J. Bush, Colonel of the Regiment, and Comnanding Officers, Lieutenam-bolonel A. I. H. Fyfe (1st janualson), Lieutenam-Colonel S. Leutenam-Colonel S. Satzanoni, Lieurenaur-Colonei S. Caney (3rd Battallon), Lieuren-int-Colonel J. E. Kendali (The ight Infantry Depot) and Lieu-enaur-Colonel H. C. Wasson (6th

lattation).
This evening, Her Royal High-ress was present at the Annual hristmas Carol Service of the Andon Fire Brigade in St Paul's The Lady Mary Fitzalan-How-ed was in actendance.

ady Fergusson Hannay (Dorts, eshie) is sending no cards but rishes all her friends warmest hristmas greetings.

l'oday's engagements

be Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, attends dinner, Inter-Continental Hotel, 6.20, attends premiere of The Black Hole, Odeon cinema, Leicester Square. 9.

he Prince of Wales, as president, presents Royal Aero Club and Fédération Aeronandque Internationale awards for 1978, Royal Automobile Club, 5; attends premiere of Apocalupse Now, ABC1 theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, 7.50.

riacess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, attends Caristimas celebrations, Westminster Cathedral, 7.30.

alk: Christmas in Wales, Glyn Hardwicke, St Lawrence Jewry, 1.

oncerts: Carols, Ali Hallows-by-the-Towers, 1; Children's Caristmas service, Holy Trinity Church, Westminster, 10; Faure Requiem and Sullivan Te Deum, Requiem and Sullivan Te Deum, Southwark Cathedral, 8. shibitions: Rod Harman, Woodland Art Gallery, Mycenae Road, 10-6. Ceramics in Bristol; City Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Road, Bristol, 10-5. ecture: Bristol in the 1950s, Friends Meeting House, Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol, 7.30.

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ord Justice Lawton to be presient of the Pegasus Club.
It R. O. C. Stable, QC, Mr A. C.
lacdonald and Mr D. A. Orde to
e circuit judges, Mr Stable and
ir Macdonald on the south
astern circuit and Mr Orde on
le north eastern. ié Borth eastern.

te north eastern.

Ir G. B. N. A. Angel to be a restrar of the Family Division to the High Court.

rofessor Sir Sam Edwards, FRS, be president of the Institute.

I Mathematics and its Applications, Sir Harry Pitt, FRS and Or E. Trier to be vice-presidents and Professor L. Howarth, FRS, and Sir Alan Wilson, FRS, to be ontorary fellows. onorary fellows.

Ir J. W. Flecker, MA, to be leadmaster of Ardingly College.

Ir Norman Stone to be head of larketing and information in the lanpower Services Commission.

lirthdays today

ir Neville Ashenbeim, 79; Sirrian Batsford, 69; General Sirdwin Bramall, 56; Mr. I. E. aser, VC, 59; Mr Christopher 79, 72; Mr Merlyn Res, MP, 1; Lord Roberts of Woldingsm, 69; Major-General Sirzginald Scoones, 79; Sir Alexder Sim, 74; Major-General N. Tuck, 78.

atest wills

igadier Cuthbert Edward Eccles, Llandudno, Gwynedd, left 5,762 net. After bequests he left e residue equally between the ottish National Institution for a War Blinded, Royal Army adical Corps Benevolem Fund, iPCA, and PDSA, her estates include (net, before the control of the c her estates include (net, before t paid; tax not disclosed):

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xhead, Miss Eileen Elizabeth, Gertards Cross, Buckingham, irc. novelist and journalist

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artmouth passing out

ce-Admiral Sir Peter Berger, is Officer Plymouth, took the

inte at passing-out parade ien the following officers under uning passed out from Britan-Royal Naval College, Dart-

ns. at List (engineers): Sub-Licston-R. L. Arthur, D. R. Bardwell, Bordwell, Bordwell, L. Bordwell, L. Bardwell, L. Linkers, A. M. J. Hart, W. W. Moimes, A. M. J. Linkers, Michaelson, Michaelson, D. P. Machaelson, M. Bochus, P. J. Linkers, R. M. Bochus, R. M. M. Bochus, R. M. B

Forthcoming.

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marriages Mr J. C. Brideri
and Miss S. E. Freeman
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr and Mrs
J. K. Brideut, of Farnham, Surrey,
and Suzanne, eldest daughter of
Captain and Mrs M. J. L. Freeman,
of Curdridge, Hampshire.

Captain E. J. Cooper and Mass D. G. Forwood

and Miss D. G. Forwood
The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Cooper, of Markree Castle, Coolioney, co Sligo, Republic of Irland, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Forwood, of New House Farm, Shillinglee, Chiddingfold, Sussax.

Dr M. W. Johnson and Miss J. M. Milis

The engagement is andounced between Mark, son of Dr and Mrs. P. C. Johnson, of Rosetrees, Portinstale, Keswick, Cumbria, and Janine, daughter of the late Mr J. H. Mills and Mrs Mills, of Mill Swathe, Sutton Courtenzy, Oxon.

Mr J. P. G. Slater and Miss M.-L. Byrne and Miss M.-L. Byrne
The engagenent is announced
between Jeremy Peter Glascock,
younger-son of Mr and Mrs. Arthur
G. Slater, of Woodland Acres,
Munstend, Surrey, and MarieLouise, youngest daughter of Mr
and Mrs William C. Byrne, of
Fermehurst, Sutton, Surrey.

Mr C. D. G. Robinson and Miss A. S. Deutsch

and Miss A. S. Denisch.

The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Major and Mrs G. M. Robinson, of Poden, Honeybourne, Warwickshire, and Antonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. L. Denisch, of Crowleys Oak, Ulienhall, Warwickshire.

Marriages.

The marriage took place on December 15 at St Fillau's, Aberdour, Fife, of Mr Alistair Dickson, son of Mr and Mrs David Dickson, and Miss Penelope Drysdale, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Drysdale. The Rev John Scott officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Claire Drysdale, Tara Jessett, Anna Waldburg and Charles Connell. Mr Andrew Douglas-Home was best man. A reception was held at Kilrie.

Institute of Cost and Management Accountants
The President of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, Mr. F. Y. Hayhurst, welcomed guests at; a luncheon at the Savoy Hotal, London, yesterday, and presented the training award of the institute for 1979 to Pilkington Brothers Ltd.

Officers of the Combined Cader. Force beld their annual dinner at

Church news

Appointments

The Rev P. R. Altin, Rector of All Hallows, Orderill, Hollourd, discusse of Southwell to be adviser for social responsibility, he diocese of Gloncester.

Canau T. W. Swift, vizar of Tuxlord and rural dean of Tuxlord and Norwell, diocese of Sauthwell be vicar of Si Switchin Lesion. Sauthwell sauthwell of Culdiford. To be vicar of Ramburg. Sauth diocese of London: to be vicar of All Sainia Hillington, diocese of London: to be vicar of the Assension. Wembley, same diocese of London: The Rev L. S. Typer-Widtle chaptain. of the Amalia Coast, diocese of Lenioldharpe of the Assension of the Amalia Coast, diocese of Lenioldharpe of Longon diocese. The Rev L. S. M. Roderick, to be rector of Longon A. C. D. Fonnell, to be vicar of Si Cryptian with St Chad. Hay Mills, diocese of Birningham.

Canon A. C. D. Fonnell, to be vicar of Savense of Si David's to be vicar of yaradedith and Pontanathwaugham, diocese of Savense and Swanssa and Brecon.

The Rev C. C. E. Maredith, vicar of Swanssa and Brecon.

The Rev C. C. E. Maredith, vicar of Swanssa and Brecon.

Strange of Chelminord to be deputy diocese of Chelminord to be deputy diocese of Carliale.

The Rev K. P. O'Donohou, Vicar of Cheppington, diocese of Carliale, currow and Croglin, diocese

Diocese of Hereford
The Rev B. E. D. W. Phillips, curais of Cleopury Mortimer. to be vicer at Person and Specific Properties. The Rev P. D. Reveller, curais of Ressources, to be pressingly of Dispersion and Specific Lindage of Manchester
The Rev A. Durrans region of St

Capt J. W. Cadoux-Hudson and Miss A. E. Reddrop

The engagement is announced between James Cadoux-Hudson. RE, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs D. P. Cadoux-Hudson, of Brighton, and Ann. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. R. T. Reddrop, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr S. G. Gate Mr S. G. Gale
and Miss E. A. Cranmer
The engagement is announced
between Stephen, son of Mr and
Mrs G. J. Gale, of Cuxham, Oxford
Mrs G. and Anne, daughter of Mr
and Mrs S. V. Cranmer, of Middleton, Manchester.

Mr P. J. Orreck and Miss L. J. Sanderson The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Orrock, of Colchester. Essex, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Sanderson, of Highwood, Essex.

Mr I. P. Riley and Miss D. J. Puddy

The engagement is announced between Iau, son of Mr and Mrs P. I. Riley, of Corley, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and Dianc. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Puddy, of "Snegton Mailet,"

Mr M. M. Price and Miss L. N. Carter The engagement is announced between Mathew, son of Colonel and Mrs Marcin Price, of Splatton, South Brent, Devon, and Noe, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith A. Carter, of Hawaii, United States.

Mr P. A. Wall and Miss F. A. Simpson The engagement is announced between Peter Wall, Royal Engineers, son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Wall, of Sauderstead, Surrey, and Flona, daughter of the late Major D. Simpson, LI, and of Mrs M. Simpson, of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Mr J. Long-Howell
and Miss C. R. Fiermes
A service of blessing after the
marriage of Mr James LongHowell and Miss Celta Fiernes
took place in Lincoln Cathedral
on Saturday, December 8, 1979.

Mr J. P. Welby and Miss C. E. Eaton

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Assistant Under-Secretary of Stare for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a lucheon held at the Dorchester hotel yesterday in honour of the Anglo-Mongolian cultural talks;

Service dinner Combined Cadet Force Association

Makers of Playing Cards Company Makers of Playing Cards Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, was present at the
annual dinner of the Makers of
Playing Cards Company, held at
the Mansion House last night.
Mr J. K. Black, Master, presided
and the other speakers were the
Lord Mayor, Mr Justice Brown,
Mr D. D. Lindsay, Mr W. E. Luke
and Mr A. Neate, Senior Warden.

Dinner

Diocese of Salisbury
Tho Rev I. C. whetten, vicar
North Mundham, rector of Humbion
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Historic of Chichester, to be rector
the Swanborough Lear ministry. The Westcombe toam ministry.

The Rev T. Sallsbury, rector of Serion Bradtwock with Shipton Gorge and Chilicombe and pricet-in-charge of Litton Bredy with Little Bredy, and the Rev H. G. Smith, pricet-in-charge of Litton Chency and Pancionowie with Swyre, to be vicars, in the Bride Valley team ministry.

The Rev D. Ackroyd, to be pricet-in-charge of Moreton and Woodsford with Thouseon, also rural dean of Dortheries.

The Rev W. Smith, vicar of St. with Thickston, also rural dean of Darxiewas. W. Smith, vicar of St. The Rev W. W. Smith, vicar of St. Cleer, Conwall Thiro Gloces? In be vicar of North Bradley, Trowbridge, The Rev R t. Seal, rector of Barriell clim Stepheno and Pottern Marriell Concessable Lorester disease. The Rev R t. Seal, rector of Darkett Concessable Lorester disease. The Rev C. E. Witten per control of the Control of C

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parish of Gleadless.

Overseas



Detroy for National Gallery: "Time Unveilthe eighteenth-century French artist, Jean Francois Detroy, which has been bought by the National Gallery, goes on show today. The gallery would not say how much it had paid for the work, but explained that it was

not one of their most expensive acquisitions

(our Arts Reporter writes). It was essentially filling a gap in their collection, an academic policy decision to provide greater representation for a painter who is relatively little known in Britain. "Time Unveiling Truth", which is dated 1733, is the first painting by Detroy in the gallery's collection. Previously it had only a small sketch

Augustus John archive is sold for £52,000

and Miss C. E. Eaton
The marriage took place on Saturday. December 15, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, between Mr Justin Welby, son of the late Mr Gavin Welby and of Mr and Mrs Charles Williams, and Miss Caroline Eaton, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Eaton. The Rev J. A. K. Millar officiated, assisted by the Rev A. R. C. Arbuthnot and the Rev J. A. de B. Wilmot. The honeymoon is being spent in Israel. By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A vast archive of Augustus John's
papers, sent to Sotheby's by his
family, was sold yesterday for
f52,000, about double the
auctioneers most optimistic forecast. The buyer's identity was
veiled in secrecy; all the
auctioneers were permitted to say
was that the archive would stay
in Britain.
The high price reflects the dein Stitute.

The high price reflects the determined competition for the papers by Quaritch, the London dealers, who were the under-

the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Somerset, of Winchester College, CCF, was in the chair and the chief guest was Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin, Chief of Defence Staff. Among those present were: General Str Charles Hartugton, Vice-Admiral Sir John Furbes, Major Generals M. S. Hancock, J. H. Foster, Downward and W. Bair, Brigadiers D. L. Omerud and A. S. Stento: and Ar Connonderes A. B. Ball, T. P. Seymous and M. J. E. Swiney. papers by Quaritch, the London dealers, who were the underbidders.

The archive included some 1,500 letters to or from John. There are romantic love letters to Dorelfa: "The smell of you is in my nostrils and it will never go and I am sick for love of you." There are letters from leading artists and writers of the day, Epstein, Bernard Shaw, James Joyce, Matthew Smith.

The other important archive for sale at Sotheby's the year after her death but failed by the price; the archive was offered to raile at Sotheby's the year after her death but failed by the price; the archive was offered to was bought in at 5800.

The most notable failure yesterday was a series of 17 autograph letters from Ruskin to Effic Gray during the year before their marriage and after their separation. Although impublished, they failed to sell and were bought in at 53,500 (estimate 26,000-28,000).

philosopher, G. E. Moore, with his friends Russell and Wittgenstein. among the greatest philosophers of the twentieth century. It was sold for £48,000 testimate about £45,000 to John Fleming, the New York dealer. The archive of all the poetical

The archive of all the poetical papers and drawings remaining in the possession of Stevie Smith at the time of her death went to Bertram Rota for £5,500 (estimate £3,000-£4,000). The surge of interest in her work since her death in 1971 is underlined by the price; the archive was offered for sale at Sotheby's the year after her death but failed to find a buyer and was bought in at £600.

Northern Ireland service awards

The Ministry of Defence aunounces the following awards for service in Northern Ireland between May 1 and July 31, 1979:

Colicin Gds., P. Treneer-Michell, (RUJ).

(RUJ).

MBE: Majors C. J. Abestne., (RAC).

C. R. Erayshaw, (RA). M. F. I.

Cubiti. (RCI). J. F. Devarell. (LI).

D. J. C. Dickins, (Queens). J. J.

Dembar. (UDR). R. H. Graham.

Queens). and P. J. Lydon. (RGJ).

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REM: Sgt M. J. Barry. (Int Corps.).

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A/Sgt J. Eley (UJ). Sgt J. C. Gibody.

(RACC). Sgi J. Green. (LI). Cpl

A. W. Hartland. (Para). A/SSgi B. D.

Hilton. (Queens). Sgat W. B. Ichnaton.

(UDR). Sgt J. L. H. Laveloy. (R

Memorial service Mr S. Delmer

A memorial service for Mr Sefton Delmer was held at St Bride's. Fleet Street, yesterday. Preben-dary Dewi Morgan officiated, Mr Jim Nicoli read the lesson and Mr Joseph Dobbs gave an address. Jim McOll read the lesson and Mr Joseph Dobbs gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Delmer (widow). Mr Felty Delmer (aon). Miss Solins Delmer (abspher). Lord Spreasten. Sir Edward Pickering. Cohendarian. Press Council: Sir Delmer (abspher). Lord Spreasten. Sir Tever Delmer. Mr M. J. Murchy (depairy managing-director, and follows, Laincella College; Sir Trevor Evans. Mr M. J. Murchy (depairy managing-director, representing the chalman and directors of Express Newspapers: with Mr Arthur Firth (representing editor). Daily Express. Mr Morris Bonett (managing address). Mr Mr S. M. Thompson (Garrick Ciub). Mr A. Moorehead. Mr John Mr Methorn. Mr Richard Instrum. Mr John Wilshorn. Mr John Mr Methor Inglem (Mr Leonard Mail). Mr Andhur Heijen (Mr Leonard Mr Leonard Mail). Mr Andhur Heijen (Mr Leonard Mr Leonard Mail). Mr Andhur Heijen (Mr Leonard Mr Leonar

Funeral

Mr L. A. Blake
The funeral took place on Thursday, December 13, at Mortlake Crematorium of Mr Leonard Arthur Blake, former Managing Director of Hooper and Co. (Coachbuilders). Among those

Coachbuilders). Among those present were:

Mrs Blake widow. Professor and Mrs David Stake 1300 and daughterIn-law). Mrs D. Fisher. Mr and Mrs W. Sristow. The Chalman, Cocombuilders and staff of Hooper and Cocombust of the Chalman of of the Ch

Science report

Disaster relief: an artificial famine

By the Staff of Nature
In the early months of 1978
about 200,000 refugees from
Burma poured into Bangladesh.
They were mainly Muslims leaving
a strongly Buddhist country, and
they left for a mixture of religious
and economic reasons. By the
end of the year 10,000 of them
had died, mostly of malnutridon.
Dr. Caro Aall, a Danish nutritionist who was a food and
nutrition adviser to the Food and
Agriculture Organization in
Bangladesh at the time, has
written a strongly worded criticism of the relief operations in
the larest issue of Disasters. The
required food as well as the
nutritional know how was available, he says. Yet an artificial
famine developed—the consequences of "misunderstandings,
inefficiency and incompetence"
in Rangladesh/United Nations colinefficiency and incompetence in Bangladesh/United Nations collaboration as well as "inadequate decisions" for which the UN system must take the larger

than it does to its own people.

If the distress period had been merely a few weeks, then that policy would have been justified. But the refugees were to need feeding throughout 1978 and into 1979, and as the months progressed there were unmistakeable signs that brouble was developing. The average death rate in normal more clearly understood that the strengthening of vulnerable-group feeding. By March, mortal ty was down to much closer the expected level.

During the year there were at least 7,000 deaths which might not have occurred if it had been more clearly understood that the sturder and five times the mortality figures should not rise by more than half. Yet by July 1978 people were dying at between four and five times the normal rate.

At that stage attempts were being made to raise the calorie.

A proposal was dozeled.

the lower ration, coupled with a partial breakdown in food supplies and a measles epidemic sent mortality soaring in November and December to seven to eight times normal.

Finally in January 1979, a
Bangladesh UN mission arranged

nedical schools. On yet other occasions it may be that over-generous aid seriously distorts the local economy. Finally in some instances, which might include a present serious drought developing in parts of India, disasters do not make headlines early enough for adequate resources to be simed at prevention. The cost of cure is rhen enormously higher.

Source: Disasters (3, 429-434).

(6) Nature-Times News Service,

£1,500 award by **Arts Council** to playwright

By a Staff Reporter
The Arts Council's 1978 John
Whiting Award, of £1,500, for a
new and distinctive development
in dramatic writing was preserved
vesterday by Miss Dorothy Tutin,
the actress, to Vince Foxall for
his play, Cestures, which was first
produced at the Brum Studio in
the Birmingham Repertory
Theatre.

Theatre.
Previous recipients of the award Previous recipients of the award include Tom Stoppard, Peter Nichols and Howard Bremon and, as Miss Tutin pointed out, none of the award winners had fallen by the warside. All of them were still being performed:

Mr Foxall, aged 34, was born in Wolverhampton but now lives in Bristol, where he has written several plays for the Avon Touring Company.

Chichester home for art collection

A valuable art collection amassed by the Very Rev Walter Hussey, former Dean of Chichester, who now lives in retirement in London, is to be permanently exhibited in Chichester.

Chichester District Council has agreed to convert Pallant House, an eighteenth-century mansion an eighteenth-century mansion near the city centre, into an art gallery to house the collection, which includes works by Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Graham Sutherland, Watteen, Sickert, Ivon Hitchens, Ceri Richards, Ben Nicholson and John Piner. Piper.

University news

Oxford
Professor J. J. Scarlsbrick. MA,
PhD. professor of history at
Warwick University, has been
elected to the Ford's lectureship
in English history for 1981-82.
Award and election: The Horsto Symonds studenship in surgery. Dr & Franciscat. Nuffield Department of Surgery. D. N. ibbot-son Commenced formerly of Rother-son Conjugate of Art and Commercial Studies, tahibited in PPE.

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Appointments
Dr Jonathan Brown, Director of the
New York Identification of Fine Arts, has
been appointed Spady Professor of Fine
Art for the Jacademic year, 1981-2.
Dr James T. Patterson, Professor of
History, Brown University to be
flared Vyvyen Harnsworth Professor
of Anarcicas History, for 1981-2.
Awards Awards
Hobson Memorial scholarships: V. K. K.
Chatterlee (Churchill, Cambridge and
Wolfson G.; K. L. Dorringing, Horiford Ch Ch and St Cath. A. V. S.
Hill Thrifty College, Dublin and
Followsor I. M. L. Donaldson, Preressor of Applied Zoology, Hull, to an
emeritus Fellowship at St Edm H.
London

London
IMPERIAL COLLEGE: Dr J. B.
Burland has been appointed to
the new chair of soil mechanics. Liverpool

Liverpool
Grants:
Alder Rey Children's Kidney Fund
E15,496 to Professor F. Harris and
Dr T. McKendrick, department of child
health, in support of research assusant
in predigative heaptrology.
Social Science Research Council:
E08,999 to Professor A. P. L. Minford, department of Economics, for
word on the International transmission
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science Research Council: E53,955 to
Dr G. R. Court, department of physics,
or the development of materials for
polariacd targets - E20,706 to Dr W.
T. Evens, department of physics, for
E15,800 to Dr G. Rember research
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to Professor T. E. Rozzi, department
of physics, for gamma-ray programme
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of central and components.
York
Appointment
J. A. Berthoud, BA (Witwatersrand), to be professor of English

J. A. Berthoud, BA (Witwatersrand), to be professor of English and related literature.

Grants

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Research Council to study the regulation of chloropies number in wheat

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122,4-40 from the Social Science Research Council for a study of the

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DSc: Paul Tortoller, cellist and conductor. W Richard O'Brien, chairman, Mappower Services Commission: Mr Demond Kine-their, space se'entity and author Dr Wa Kellmer Privale, director, National Children's Bureau.

Holiday closing

Ancient monuments and bistoric buildings in England in the care of the Secretary of State for the Environment will be closed from December 24 until December 25 inclusive, and on January 1 with the following additions:

The pointed half and chapel at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich closed December 20, 22 to 27 necusive, and January 1 and 5.

The Banquering House, Whitehan, closed December 20, 10 as inclusive, and 31 and January 1 to 26 inclusive, and 31 and January 1

OBITUARY

MR R. C. HANDASYDE Flight testing at Vickers

"Bob" Handasyde joined Vickers Aviation Ltd in 1925 at the age of 17. He worked successively in the fitting and erecting shops and flight sheds before going on to the tracing office and ultimately the aero-dynamics section — as a mem-ber of which he flew as a flight test observer in the flight test department on all Vickers' air-craft from 1930.

In 1931 he learned to fly at the Brooklands School of Flying, with free tuition, after win-ning The Tatler flying com-petition under which scheme he was the first to train and went solo after only five hours. In 1941, he became a production test pilot flying Wellingtons and Warwicks and he was inimately concerned with the ilight test development of Sir Barnes Wallis' "dam-busning" weapon on Lancasters and Mosquitoes. He also took part in high altitude development pro-grammes. In 1945 he went on to carry out much of the ex-perimental development flying on the Viking, Britain's first post-war airliner.

he accompanied the foreign at Brooklands.

Mr Robert Cruickshank Han-dasyde, who died on December 6, at the age of 71, was a for-mer director of British Aircraft Corporation, Weybridge Divis-tina, Mr Handasyde subse-date of the sale of 20 Vikings to Argen-tina, Mr Handasyde subse-date of the sale of the sa ion and a well-known figure in quently assisted Sir Richard aviation for more than 40 Barlow of Airwork in deliveryears.

Bob "Handasyde joined the Argentine for six months

to carry out conversion train-After having made over 4,000 test flights Mr Handasyde was appointed sales manager at Weybridge in 1947, going on to lead the Vickers post-war commercial aircraft sales team not ably on the Viscount prop-jet of which sales of 438 aircraft were made to 60 customers all over the world and then on the BAC One-Eleven twin-jet of which well over 200 have now been sold throughout the world. He was appointed a special director of Vickers-Armstrong (Aircraft) Ltd. in 1953 and a director of British Aircraft Cor-

poraction. Weybridge Division in 1964. He retired in 1971.

Robert Cruickshank Handasvde was the son of George H.
Handasyde who, with Helmuth P. Martin, became the first aircraft engineer to take up permanent accommodation at the manent accommodation at the Brooklands motor-racing track and aerodrome in 1910 and went on to build a notable series of pioneering aeroplanes under the name of Martinon the Viking. Britain's first under the name of Martin-post-war airliner. syde'. His name will thus Later, at the end of 1945, always have a special meaning

DR NYMAN SIMMONS

in Wellington bombers and was mentioned in Despatches. After his release from the RAF with the rank of Squadron Leader, he joined the Scientific Civil Service and worked on various

aspects of armaments research at several Government Estab-

Dr Nyman Simmons, FRAeS, Ministry of Supply, through the who did important early work on satellite technology in this country died on December 1, aged 65.

Dr Simmons was educated at the Central Foundation School in London, from where he won a scholarship to Queen Mary College, London. He received a First Class Hopours degree in experiments provided by the in London, from where he won a scholarship to Queen Mary College, London. He received a series of satellites to carry First Class Honours degree in mathematics and was awarded Science Research Council; for the Sir John Lubbock Memorial Prize for being the best mathematician of his year. After further academic distinctions, of the earth's resources by remote sensing: and for the ne was awarded his Doctorate in hydro- and aerodynamics at early stages of United Kingdom King's College, London in 1940, participation in European appliwhile. while. communications purposes. His During the War he survived last project with the Procure-two tours of duty as navigator ment Executive was the very successful satelite. Ariel 5, launched in 1974 and still giving

useful results in the field of X-Ray astronomy. After his retirement in 1974. Dr Simmons continued with his lifelong interest in space technology and was an active member of the Remote Sensing lishments.

Dr Simmons stayed with the Scientific Civil Service throughout the rest of his career, his work moving in a succession of reorganizations from the member of the Remote Scholing Society which he had helped to found. a Fellow of the Romal Out the rest of his career, his here of the British Interplanetary Society.

remarkable zeal and devotion. He amassed a vast dossier on

the life and times of the tra-veller Mansfield Parkyns and

his descendants in Northern Ethiopia. He followed every

clue and made wide enquiries, but he was too diffident to commit this immense material to print. His scholarly enthusiasm

extended also to the Noner expedition to Magdala in 1867-68, but it was left to his dough-

ter. Ann Schlee, to write a povel (The Guns of Darkness)

on those events.

It is only little more than a fortnight ago that he spoke with his customary mixture of fervour and self-effacement about his current researches and future plans. His friends

and colleagues are deeply sad-dened at his sudden death and

on those events.

SIR DUNCAN CUMMING

Professor Edward Ullendorff, vince of the Sudan as well as FBA. writes:

Your fine obituary of Sir cipal family groups in those Duncan Cumming lays just areas. In his retirement he constress on his important contri-tinued those activities with bution to the administration of the Sudan and the Horn of Africa before, during, and after the Second World War. He was a gentle, knowledgeable, and considerate chief to those serv-

ing under him and was held in high esteem by the indigenous populations of the territories which he administered. Like his colleague, Brigadier Stephen H. Longrigg (who was Military Governor of Eritrea, 194244, and died recently during the temporary eclipse of The Times and was thus deprived of the appreciative obituary he bad so richly deserved), Duncan Cun-ming belonged to that virtually extinct species of scholar-proconsul who lent such lustre to the British presence in

During his active career he dened at his sudden death and collected a good deal of at the passing of an era of material on the history of which he was such a noble and

In your obituary of Air Vice-Marshal S. D. Macdonald you mention his command of No 3

Wing (Sudau).

Eritrea and the Kassala pro- distinguished representative. AIR VICE-MARSHAL S. D. MACDONALD A.D.S. writes:

What happened at that time has never been described except by the War Correspon-dent Alan Moorehead after his visit to the three Squadrons 14, 47 and 223 on July 16, 1940, after which he wrote a despatch which is reproduced on page 252 of the Royal Air Force 1939-45. Part 1. by Denis Richards.

This was a long despatch but it praised Macdonald's Wing for their struggle with the intense heat and with the obsolete aircraft with which they were equipped. This aircraft was D. Barnes Wallis's first design and it preceded the well known Welfington. It was the Vickers Wellesley.

The Wellesleys were acknow-ledged to be unable to compete with European combat condi-tions and were also not even suited to the Western Desert. They were modifications of the record breaking Wellesleys which held the non-stop flight one pilot and one gummer they

carried twice the bomb load of a twin engined Blenheim but at only about half the speed. There was only one fixed for-ward firing gun and one gun in the rear for detence.

This Wing which was the

only Air Striking Force in 1940 to support the Army and Navy, from the day the war started made intensive raids on naval bases, fighter airfields and oil installations in the face of Instalations in the late of ground fire and fighter attacks. The targets were normally 300 miles to the South and the Wing hir them again and again until losses forced Macdonald to make more use of night attacks. Some Wellesleys were even used for Naval Convoy protection far out over the Red

Sea.
Although in the end the Wellesleys were either lost in action or written off through lack of any spares Macdonald's careful strategy and tactics made them last just long enough to see the British Vic-

tory in Erirea.

Macdonald used to say that it was Barnes Wallis's special lartice work construction that enabled his aircraft to absorb record from Ismailia to Austra- so much fighter and flak lia in 1938. With one engine, punishment and yet—somehow -to get home.

GROUP CAPTAIN JOHN TYZACK

chairman of Tyzack & Partners Ministry. of 75.

anuary 11, 1904, and after schooling spent his early life in the agricultural and brewing industries. In 1929 he joined the RAF with a regular comand was appointed CBE (Mil) in 1944 for his work on the

Group Captain John Tyzack, served as Deputy Director CBE, the founder and former Movements (Air) at the Air

Ltd, management consultants, died on December 10 at the age of 75.

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He was a founder Director of British European Airways as Director of Administrative Services and subsequently

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A firm believer in the need to improve the standard, training and performance of British business management, he founmission. Serving in the Middle ded for this purpose Tyzack & East before the war, he was menuoued in dispatches in 1940 tants, in 1959 and subsequently tants, in 1959 and subsequently Hallam Press and Incomes Data

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keley, Midshipmen, J. Beath Years Ago Our Political Correspondent Anthony Wedgwood Benn, bour MP for Bristol South-East, 'A heir to Lord Stansgate, is hing to renounce his right of ression to the viscounty by ans of a Personal Bill in the use of Lords. This would prothe House of Lords. This would prote that Lord Stangate's grandte-Mr Wedgwood Benn's elder
te-who is a minor, should
come the heir. A petition for
introduction of this measure
the Wedgwood Benn (Renutrian) Bill—has already been laid
fore the House of Lords together
th a draft copy of the Bill. No

precedent for the use of the Personal Bill procedure as a means on The Times of Saturday, of renouncing succession to a peerage can be recalled ... An explanatory note recalls that when Mr Wedgwood Benn's father was elevated to the peerage in 1941 at the same time as three other members of the Labour Party, a members of the Labour Party, a statement from 10 Downing Street said: "These creations are not made as political honours or rewards but as a special measure of state policy. They are designed to strengthen the Labour Party in the Labour Party in the Upper House where his repre-sentation is disproportionate at a time when a condition government of three parties is charged with the direction of affairs.

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decisions for which the UN
system must take the larger
responsibility.
The average nutritional requirement of a Bengali person is about
2,000 calories each day and a
survival ration, for a few weeks
only might be as low as 1,400
calories a day. Yet the basic ration
for the refugees was set at 465
grams of cereal a day for adults,
and half that for children, equivaient to an average of 1,300
calories a day. There were
irregular contributions from other
commodities such as fish procein
concentrate and pulses, but those
added relatively little.
How was this ration set? The
figure of 465g a day was proposed by the Bangladesh Ministry
of Relief and Rehabilitation and
is the amount it gives to its
people in cases of emergetcy.
Understandably, the Government
did not feel justified in handing
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At that stage attempts were being made to raise the caloric imake. A proposal was made for a large-state supplementary feed-

a large-state supplementary feed-ing programme for vulnerable groups, and the Government agreed to that. But what was really needed was the provision of two extra meals 2 day of 500

calories for half of the 200,000, and that simply turned out to be logistically impossible, besides which the Ministry of Relief and Datable Control of the Rehabilitation was unwilling to commit itself. The various UN agencies involved felt either that the deaths were more a disease than a nutritional shortage, or that they could not override the relevant Bangladesh ministry. Eventually it was agreed that the basic relation should be raised from 1,300 to 1,500 calories a day for Ramadan, and mortality dropped for September and Occober to a level of "only" three times normal. But the return of

and international agencies, so as to ensure action.

The Bangladesh/Burma case study is one of a growing number of examples of the critical examination by scientists, doctors, and sociologists, of response to disaster. Frequently the shortage is the of each or scientists but of an

ter. Frequently the shortage is not of cash or supplies but of an adequate administrative structure to make sure that relief goes through and is appropriate to people's needs.

On other occasions, as in Kampuches at present, it is important not just that immediate hunger is alleviated but that the foundations for recovery are laid, by, for instance, relatively unspectacular measures like the rebuilding of medical schools. On yet other

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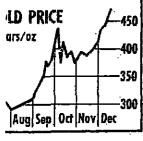
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Renault could bid for British Leyland if state funding dries up By Clifford Webb Midland Industrial Correspondent

French motor group, is emerg-ing as a possible buyer for British Leyland if the Government refuses to continue fund-ing the last British-owned representative in the international

sentative in the international motor industry.

Already the largest industrial grouping in France, Renault is riding high at present. Tomorrow, in Geneva, it is expected to announce a deal with Volvo which calls for a direct French stake in the Swedish motor group.

A Renault takeover of BL would leave the French holding more than half the car and commercial vehicle manufacturring capacity in this country.
Peugeot Citroen acquired
Chrysler UK in August 1978.
The rest is already in the hands of the Americans, Ford and General Motors.

There is no news of an official approach to the British Government but informal moves are reported by reliable sources. Two senior executives of British components com-panies believe they have been "used" by Renault to report the French company's interest in BL to the Department of Industry,

One of them said: "It would be incorrect to say that Renault made an offer to the Government using people like myself as intermediaries. But certainly I have reported the result of conversations with Renault people which indicates their interest as a possible nurchaser interest as a possible purchaser.

"I know that such a move would be political dynamite but, as an alternative to the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs in BL and the components companies tied into it, it could make sound commercial sense. It could also be used as a lever to extract concessions from the French on other outstanding issues between our two countries."

In Paris yesterday a French motor industry director (not Renault) said: "Renault are so moment that they probably believe that they can tackle anything. The deal with Volvo and, before that, the decision to buy a big share of American Motors, indicate their intention to be a worldwide power able to take on the Americans and the Japanese.

By Patricia Tisdali
Management Correspondent
Britains North Sea oil producers are poised to follow whatever price increases are set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in Caracas, Venezuela. The new prices for North Sea oil are likely to go up by at least 15 per cent in line with the increases already announced by Libya earlier this week.

The Government has reques-

ted the state-owned British National Oil Corporation, the

main North Sea price setter, to hold down prices as long as possible. It believes that the damage caused to industry and the boost to inflation, which it

weigns any gain in exporting oil at higher prices. But FNOC is unlikely to be able to hold the price in-creases beyond January 1, the

next date when term contracts make provision for a price change. The increase is likely

to provoke more protests from EEC countries such as Den-mark and Germany which criticized Britain at the Dublin

summit for not doing more to

The British Government's other powers to control either the likely price or the supply of North barrel.

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for well over two years. They began formally when a joint working party was established in June, 1977 (before Sir Michael Edwardes joined BL as chairman) to examine areas for technical collaboration.

Both sides have denied that these talks were in any way connected with a possible merger. Since then, there have been recurring reports of clashes between BL executives and at least one senior Renault

The chief cause of the piesent breakdown was the sur-prise deal between BL and Honda for the British company-to assemble a new Honda car in this country and market it throughout the EEC.

Renault is known to have offered BL a similar new cardeal more than 18 months ago but it was rejected because— unlike the Japanese deal—too many concessions were de-manded in return.

Renault executives have complained bitterly that they plained bitterly that they regard BL's action as "selling the European pass to the Japanese". But the real cause of their anger is believed to be the way Sir Michael Edwardes with the Wayda deel with pulled off the Honda deal with-out the French picking up a whisper.

On the other hand, Sir Michael Edwardes is understood to have been just as upset by Renault's decision, announced two mouths ago, to invest £75m in American Motors and give guarantees covering another £25m. In return Renault will use AMC's factories in Kenosha, Wiscon-sin, to manufacture cars for the American market.

He has also complained about the aggressive tactics Renault has adopted to persuade BL dealers to change sides. This includes extensive wining and dining trips to France. The Government's reply to

BL's request for another £525m worth of state aid almost certainly rests on the outcome of protracted union - management negotiations, now in their final Sir Michael wants to remove

daries that have plagued the whole of the motor industry for the past 30 years. Dutch approval needed: A Dutch Economies Ministry

Sea oil are extremely limited. Under the terms of option arrangements with North Sea

producers, ENOC has to pay market prices for the oil it

In any event, any artificial depression in Britain's North

Sea prices would merely open the way to a third party making a profit by reselling supplies on the open market. At present only about 1 per cent of North Sea crude oil is

trading at spot values (which are well above the contract prices). But this proportion

The Government equally maintains that it cannot influ-

ence prices by boosting supplies because the producers

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North Sea oil, which is of a prices closely linked to those prices colsely linked to those of African producers, including Algeria and Niceria as well as Libya. Prices of North Sea oil last went up in Normber from

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Relations between Renault his Government's agreement and BL are reported to be very would be needed for any deal strained after the breakdown between Volvo and Renault.

N Sea producers set

to follow Opec lead

Marsh & McLennan calls for takeover talks with Bowring after apparent collapse of premium pooling plan

Insurance Correspondent
Marsh & McLennan of tehe United States, the world's big-gest insurance broking group, is considering a takeover bid for

c. T. Bowring, the second largest broking firm in the United
Kingdom whose interests also
include the Singer & Friedlander merchant bank and the
Bowmaker credit finance group. In a surprise move yesterday
Bowring's shares were suspended before Marsh announced that it was calling for discussions with Bowring with a view to obtaining an agreement on a sakeover. Rouging however to Marsh in having to direct itself. takeover. Bowring, however, hinted strongly that a bid will

premium pooling arrangement. This plan, which would have in-volved broking revenues of both groups being placed in one transatlantic "pot" before being

stockbrokers were guessing last night that, to be successful, an offer from Marsh would have

Marsh in having to divest itself of 75 per cent of Bowring's broking interests if it wished to Bowring and Marsh have for the past 18 months been locked Lloyd's accredited firm.

playing down suggestions that a significant rift had emerged

regret that, in view of the long association between the two businesses, Marsh McLennan have chosen to make a uni-lateral announcement of their intension to consider an offer for the whole of the share capital and convertible loan stocks of Bowring." It added: " If and when any

is received, it will be examined by the directors."

The bid move is bound to

between them following fatture of the premium pooling plans, Bowring has hinted clearly that it finds the takeover move particularly unwelcome.

In a statement last right it similar arrangements among the groups and was believed to the premium pooling last year, the premium pooling last year, the announcement triggered off similar arrangements among the groups and was believed to the other groups and was believed to be partly responsible for the

> Bland Payne, two of Britain's biggest broking firms. At the centre of this turmoil is the Lloyd's insurance market, which relies on American firms for half its premium business of around £2,000m a year but which insists on dealing which insists on dealing directly only with United Kingdom accredited firms.
> Thus, to send business to

merger of Sedgwick Forbes and

Although both groups were cause further disturbance in Linyd's, the American groups existing relationships between United States broking groups and their leading United Kingdom counterparts. When Marsh get closer to the Lloyd's mark viscous experience of the counterparts of the counterpart market, Marsh planned a bid two years ago for Wigham Poland but this was thwarted by a Lloyd's rule that overseas companies could not hold more than between 20 and 25 per cent of a Lloyd's broker's total

equity.
Mr Jack Regan, Marsh & Mc-Lennan's prosident, said last night that any move with regard to the takeover would have to be approved by Lloyd's.

He agreed that this would probably involves Marsh divesting itself of 75 per cent of the broking interests.

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Imperial moves into US fast-food chain with 4 votes to spare

Imperial Group, the British tobacco, drinks and food conglomerate, yesterday voted in favour of the proposed 5287m (\$630m) takeover bid for the Howard Johnson hotel and restaurant chain in the United States.

But voting was close at the extraordinary meeting in Lon-don, attended by more than 200 shareholders, with 102 votes approving the deal, a majority of four. However, the result was a foregone conclusion as Imperial had received almost 80 per cent of acceptances in proxy votes before the meeting. Howard Johnson shareholders also approved the deal yesterday in Boston, Massachusetts. Imperial's chairman, Sir John Pile, told the shareholders that

the group's pre-tax profits were expected to be £5m better than last year's £131m. He reminded shareholders that the acquisition remained

subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with 40 separate liquor licensing authorities in the States in which Howard Johnson operates so that the business can continue to sell liquor after the takeover. So far agreement has been reached with 27 authori-Discussions with the rest are

continuing but Imperial's law-yers believe there will be a satisfactory outcome. In response to shareholders'



Sir John Pile: pre-tax profits expected to be £5m up.

fixed assets will be revalued when the acquisition is complete. This revaluation is expec-Johnson.

improvement at the year end over last year, despite a third quarter setback because of oil shortages in the United States. Last year Howard Johnson made profits of

growth in profits over the years despite a sizable redequestions about the cost of the velopment programme which gives Howard has meant that various prop Johnson shareholders \$28 a ties have been out of use share compared with the weeks on end with a con market price of around \$16 quent loss of profit and before the bid, Sir John pointed out that Howard Johnson's Sir John told shareholders. velopment programme which has meant that various properties have been out of use for weeks on end with a consequent loss of profit and no substantial reduction in cost,"

ted to show a \$200m surplus over book value and will reduce the cost of purchasing the £169m good will in Howard He stressed that Howard Johnson's profits should show

£53m half-year loss for **British Shipbuilders**

Industrial Editor

Losses of £53 million for the first half of the present financial year were announced yesterday by British Shipbuilders. In a brief statement the shipbuilding corporation said it believed that its trading loss for the full year ending next March would be within the £100 million limit set by the Government this summer.

The first half loss was struck on a turnover of £423 million for the period and against the background of increasing pressure on the state corporation to carry through further financial belt-tightening in order to remain within the Government set limits.

British Shipbuilders, which was formed 21 years ago, is attempting to streamline the organization and improve levels of efficiency when the world market for new ships is diminishing and where competition The corporation has set a

target of 45 new orders in the current year, and so far has secured firm orders for about half that number. The need for orders is vital if the corporation is to provide a sufficient base

work load for those yards which have been identified as having a future. At the end of September, its

merchant order book consisted of 76 ships totalling about 685,000 tons gross, which is about half the traditional annual about hair the traditional annual output of the United Kingdom industry. At the end of September last year the order book involved over 100 ships totalling 1,100,000 tons gross. It will be at least another two years before demand for

merchant ships returns to reasonably substantial levels, and the corporation has been forced to transfer a large part of its labour force to construction of naval ships. which increasingly will form the basis of orders for the yards. Meanwhile, redundancies continue. Since the beginning of April over 2,200 workers left the industry, pushing the total since nationalization to just over 10,000.

In the past two weeks, the corporation has secured a number of new orders including Shipbuilders and a total of nine new orders for Austin & Pickersgill, the corporation's Wearside subsidiary. All of the orders are being subsidized from the Government's shipbuilding intervention fund.

Uncertain future, Page 19

NEB raises £38m towards £100m target by selling its stake in ICL By Alison Mitchell The National Enterprise shareholders, each owning 18.2 conditions for a share sale. Board yesterday took the first per cent of the equity. However there is some specuselen towards meeting the Control of the equity.

step rowards meeting the Government's requirement of raising \$100m by March when it sold its entire 25 per cent holding of 24.4 per cent, with the Department of Inmarket at 455p. a discount of

almost 5 per cent on Friday's clusing price of 478p, raising £38m. According to NEB figures, this shows a profit of 225m, or 192 per cent, on its total investment of £13m.

There is some speculation in the market that ICL plans a rights issue but this was denied by the group last night. Although borrowings rose last

rear, this was because of indus-trial trouble and the strength Research and development costs will be relatively lower in future with any new range

of computers being evolution-ary rather than revolutionary. The Government acquired its The Government acquired its initial 10.5 per cent stake in the company when it was set up in 1968 through a merger of Inter-

passed to the NEB. In January this year Plessey also sold its holding through a market placing at 412p, a 6.4

per cent discount on the then market price of 440p. At that market price of 440p. At that time the NEB marginally increased among 250 institutions, with most of the applications having to be scaled down considerably. yesterday morning took the market by surprise.

After ICL last week announced a 22 per cent rise in full year profits to £45.7m, the board of the NEB decided to take advantage of the subse-Among the other NEB stakes

which could be on offer before the end of the financial year are Brown Boveri Kent, ranti and the unquoted Pairey. Interim profits from Ferranti are expected tomorrow but they are unlikely to be in the same class as ICL. Internal and nationwide strikes will have national Computers and Tabunational Computers and Tabulators, English Electric Computers and a small part of \$23.2m to around the £3m level,
Ferranti, At the time GEC and which means the NEB will not

However there is some speculation that, if no selling opportunity presents itself before March, the NEB will let the deadline pass to get the best price for its holdings. Kenneth Owen writes: The

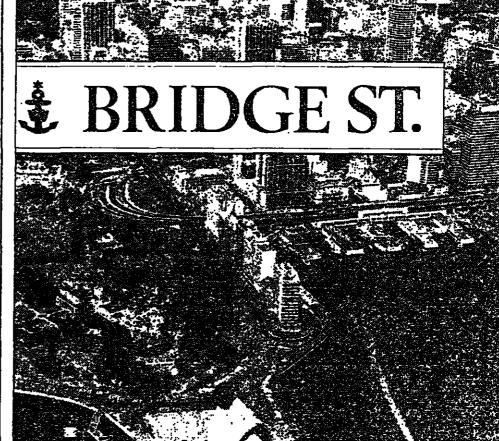
NEB vesterday announced an E80,000 investment in Doyce Electronics of Fakenham, Nor-folk, a small company which makes electronic test equip-ment for petrol and diesel This is the first investment

to be announced since the new NEB board took office to con-firm the "catalystic" role of the board in relation to advanced-technology companies.
The board's initial £80,000 investment will give it 25 per cent of the company's enlarged ordinary share capital and 100 per cent of the preference share capital. A further £36,667 is earmarked for investment in 1980 in the form of additional enforces. additional preference shares. Doyce Electronics was formed in 1972 and claims to have been the first company in Britain to introduce what it describes as "sophisticated" digital engine testers. It now employs 20 people. The NEB investment should enable the

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company to maintain its growth

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170,000 get BSC's bonus terms

British Steel Corporation executives were making a ias:ditch artempt last night to head off the threatened national strike he the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation from Jau-

wary 2.
Mr Robert Scholey, chief executive of BSC, and Dr David Gneves, managing director personnel, travelled to Luxenibourg last night for a routine meeting of the European Coal and Steel Community Consu-tative Committee. Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the is also attending the

meeting. Mr Scholey said the opportunity would be taken to try to discuss the proposed lump sum bonus scheme which coole produce increases of up to 10 per cent from improved productivity at local level . .

Industry Management Associa-tion on the corporation's plans tunity for detailed discussions to axe 52,000 jobs by next August and an admission by Sir State for Industry, that the proposed closure of the Consett steelworks was the most worry-

ing of the closures. Yesterday BSC handed out a four-page bulletin to more than 170,000 employees. It gave details of the lump sum bonus

rank and file members althought.
Mr Scholey denied that the BSC was going over the heads of union leaders.

Mr Scholey said: "We feel

and an admission by Sir vented by the ISTC's decision, Joseph. Secretary of after the Corby closure was for Industry, that the announced to break off all BSC except on safety.

He stressed that BSC would not be prepared to increase the

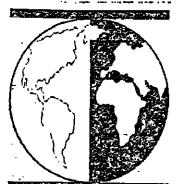
The distrubution of the bul-letin was designed to get the

our ideas on pay have not been put across as adequately as they could have been. We feet to our proposal has denied us The move coincided with a the chance to get into discustrong attack by the Steel sions on detailed schemes.

with the ISTC had been predirect consultations with the

existing 2 per cent national offer. BSC executives still do not regard the strike as inevitable although the BSC will shut for Chricimas at the end of this week; the ISTC executive will meet tomorrow. The Steel Industry Manage-

Association (SIMA) ment represents senior and middle BSC managers, sent a detailed statement on BSC's cuts to Sir Keith Joseph, steel constituency MPs and the TUC. It said that the corporation queht to move towards overall profitability and that hiving off profitable business from the BSC would be unreasonable.



Warning on growth of Bonn deficit

West Germany's Federal Bank has given a warning that the rational balance of payments deficit on current account is likely to grow still further next year from the 8,000m mark (about £2,111m) level expected

In its latest monthly report the bank said the change in the structure of Germany's current account balance of payments to considerable deficit for the first time in 14 years was not just a short term phenomenon.

The dramatic shift of around 25,000m marks from last year's surplys of some 18,000m marks o this year's deficit meant that West Germany must once again exports. Accordingly the German central bank appealed ro both sides of industry to reach moderate wage settlements in the forthcoming round of col-lective wage bargaining.

Collusion case ends

West Germany's Federal Cartel Office says it has drop-ped collusion proceedings against Drescher Bank AG, Deutsche Bank AG and Com-merzbank AG for simultaneous resistant of interest rates. It said raising of interest rates. It said intensive hearings supported the bank's claim of innocence.

Oi' tenders invited

Ecuador has invited tenders from multinational oil comfor exploration of 10 million hectares as part of a drive to increase dwindling of reserves. A total of 125 wells are planned in the next five years at a cost of \$1,000m (about £457m) with finance raised in domestic and international markets.

Armco, the Ohio-based industrial and steel manufacturer. has negotiated a \$5,353m (£2,444m) equipment contract for the Novolipetsk electrical steels plant south of Moscow. Armon is working in association with Nippon Steel of Japan.

\$5.353m Moscow deal

Toyota export record Toyota's vehicle exports in November were a monthly record of 138,100, up 9.7 per cent from 125,900 in October and up 51.9 per cent from 30,900 a year earlier.

Fed chairman meets Mrs Thatcher Small iron amid interest rates uncertainty

United States Economics Correspondent Washington, Dec 17

The Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, found half an hour in her tight schedule of official meetings today to see Mr Paul some clear targets for bank Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. United States money market traders would dearly have liked to take part in this tete-a-tete with the outlook for interest rates now desperately uncertain.

Mr Voicker has cancelled tonorrow's meeting of the Fed's open market policy committee without explanation and some dealers interpret this as meaning no change is likely in Fed policy before the committee 52 weeks. These figures would convenes on January 9. But some dealers suggest that pressures are building that could force the Fed to move to a tighter policy stance.

The confusion rests partly pon lack of experience with the Fed's approach to monetary prime credit easing and tight-ening tool used was the rate for federal funds. This changed on October 6 when the Fed said

of the Department of

Industry aim to do much more

work for industry, and in par-

ticular to increase the propor-

tion that is aimed at results in

five to 10 years' time, according to Dr Duncan Davies, the

department's chief scientist and

Writing in a 1979 review of

the establishments, published today. Dr Davies says: "It is

a little disappointing that our

industrial partnership work is

although it cannot increase in-

definitely, we want to increase

our penetration more sharply over the next year or two."

The six establishments are the National Physical Labora-

tory, National Engineering Laboratory, Warren Soring Laboratory, National Maritime

Computer

Design Centre and the Labora-

tory of the Government Chemist. Their total funding

for 1978-79 amounted to £29m, of which £4.3m came from in-

dustry and £6m from other

The proportion of the establishments' work "aimed at future canability in five to 10

years' time", says Dr Davies, is now considerably less than 10

years agn. "This preparatory work is, of course, crucial to

corn. We hope to get more of it paid for by them directly." Government technologists in

the United Kingdom initiated

gorgrament departments.

now growing only slowly and,

engineer.

Institute.

The Fed clearly has specific ideas on the relationship between bank reserves growth and money supply growth and reserves growth, although it has not announced these targets.

It is aiming for an annual growth rate of between 3 to 6 per cent and latest data suggest it is right on target. The four-week moving averages show that M1 has increased in the last 13 weeks at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.1 per cent, with growth of 7.2 per cent for the last 26 weeks and 5.2 per cent for the last not suggest any need for credit tightening.

However, the bank reserves angregates have shown sharp rises recently and this has convinced some analysts that the Fed will tighten policies soon. The four-week moving aver-

ages show a clear deterioration in the growth rate of total bank reserves, non-borrowed reserves and required reserves. The sea-

reactors and new agrochemical and pharmaceutical technology,

Dr Davies points out. Now there are opportunities in marine

technology, computer-aided en-

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gineering, microelectronic sy-

tems, engine management, materials and measurement (associated with quality con-

Energy savings, cost savings,

improved safety and an im-proved working environment

generally have been achieved for a relatively modest invest-

ment by Rockware Glass of Knottingley, Yorkshire, by changing from gas-firing to electric heating for part of the company's bottle-making pro-

Rockware has achieved no

less than 85 per cent energy savings by the introduction of electric heating in the "fore-hearth" area. The new system is saving £4,500 every four

months and should pay for

heat is required to control a

cooling process, but it is true

It is perhaps paradoxical that

itself in two years.

Electricity cuts cost

of bottle making

Research bodies set new targets

it would operate with targets sonally adjusted annual rate for for bank reserves playing a total reserves was at 14.8 per much bigger role than target cent, for the last 13 weeks interest rates.

The Fed clearly has specific last 26 weeks and 3.5 per cent for the last 52 weeks.

There are other reasons why some experts see rates moving back to higher levels. The pundits at the Commercial Credit Corporation of Baltimore say that "with inflation. and inflationary expectations showing continued strength, the Opec oil cartel meeting today, seasonal credit demands upon the money markets, there may be further increases in money market rates ".

At Bankers Trust, staff economists reflect a widespread view in stating that "until there are more convincing signs that the economy is weakening and that inflation is finally turning the corner, it is unlikely that interest rates will move downward quickly

Solomon Brothers suggests that the recent rise in bank reserves may soon lead to higher reserves may soon lean to higher interest rates and it anticipates such heavy demands for new financing in the public and private sectors during 1980.

in this case in the interests of

precision. Molten glass, on

This is done by passing the

that the glass reaches a uniform temperature when it is

dispensed so that it has a uniform viscosity when formed.

If conditions are not uniform problems such as poor formability and uneven weight

distribution play havoc with the fast, complex forming equipment Thus the forehearth

the vital last area of control

In the conventional method f gas-fired hearing in the fore-

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the glass. The process relies on radiant heat transfer to the

glass and thermal conduction

through it. But glass is a poor

In the new method, elec-trodes are inserted directly into

the glass. Apart from small losses in the electrical equip-

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months of monitoring it was calculated that there would be a seving of 112,000 therms a year (at 20p a therm).

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thermal conductor.

foundries in jeopardy, report says

By John Huxley

Small iron foundries are closing at such a rate that the local services they supply are now seriously threatened, according to a report published by an in-dustry working party today.

The report says that small craft foundries are of crucial strategic importance to the economy. They provide a pro-duct on which the whole of the engineering industry depends that is "the one off or short production run casting vital for prototype development, for original equipment manufac-ture, for special purpose, custom-built machinery or for replacement parts where speed of response is vital.".

Although an overall decline in demand for engineering cast-ings is expected, and fewer foundries will be needed, the present rate of closure is too high, the working party has reported to the Foundries Economic Development Committee (Little Neddy).

The working party also found that small craft foundries had problems unlike those of other small companies and, therefore, required separate attention.

In particular, they suffered from extremely cyclical profitability, faced special environ-mental problems and had to make large investments relative to their turnover.

leaving the furnace at 1,250°C, is brought down to about 1,100°C before entering the stage at which the containers are formed. Frequently, they charged unrealistically low prices because of the inadequacy of costing methods. For these reasons, the small foundry sector had a record of poor profitability. molten glass through the fore-hearth, a process which ensures

The working party believes that the Inland Revenue should introduce a capital loan scheme tax rebates to help foundry owners cone with fluctuations in profitability.

It calls on the Department of Industry to develop specific industrial expertise in its small companies service and asks the Department of Trade to con-sider sympathetically the merits of a possible agreement to co-ordinate the date of foundry price increases.

The Department of the Environment, it suggests, should through its advice to local authorities on the interpreta-tion of clean air legislation, encourage the introduction of more reasonable "demands on small foundries.

much to improve profitability and efficiency. The working party recommends especially that they concentrate on adding Kenneth Owen and Ronald Kershaw

Kenneth owen and Ronald Kershaw

Kenneth owen already sell, and do not rely on selling a greater volume of castings in the future.

Foundrymen can also do

Proposal on secretaries 'a restrictive practice

Sir, You reported (December a new clause to the Companies Bill proposed by my colleague, Mr Graham Page MP, and carried in the com-mittee stage, providing that all company secretaries of publiccompanies must be professionally qualified in future.

As the only member of the

committee who voted against this amendment, I would like to comment on this proposal.

The first point is that the secretary of a public company is not central to the management of the company and I know of no examples of company secretaries through incompetence as secretaries materially damaging either their company, or its share-bolders or employees. Indeed, in many public companies, a registrar's department carries out many of the functions which in a private company are carried out by the secre-

Secondly, the clause as dopted would prevent any

Prosecutions of public

From Mr B. A. Morgan Sir, The recent prosecution of Swan Hunter Shipbuilders successful though it was, raises successful though it was, raises an interesting question of principle. Is it necessary for large sums of public money to be spent by one public body (in this case, the Health and Safety Executive) in prosecuting another (here, Swan Hunter Shipbuilders) when the same requirements of the same archive and the same archive and the same archive and the same archive.

Hunter resulted from an inci-dent which, as all those in-volved agree, was an isolated breakdown in a well-established

What, then, has the prosecu-tion of Swan Hunter achieved? It is clear, of course, that the legal profession has benefited. Who, however, are the other beneficiaries? The prosecution has in no way assisted the families of those who died, nor has it done anything to improve standards of safety in the future. There are occasions when such prosecutions are justified on the grounds that the law has been clarified—no such clarification has resulted

From Mr Nicholas Baker, MP secretarial company, for exam-for North Dorset (Gonserva ple, a company formed by a tive).

Sir You reported (December service, from being secretary of a public company in future. The only exception in the clause is that secretaries of existing public companies or persons who have been secretaries for three out of the pre-vious five years of one public

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course, include a company) .another. Thirdly, for some reason, accountants excluded from the list of those permitted to perform this ser-vice; there are other contend-ers for the list of those suita-

bly qualified. This proposal, which will no doubt receive closer examionto receive tose cannot nation during the report stage of the Bill, will strike many as a statutory backing for a professional restrictive practice which in this case I do not believe to be necessary in the NICHOLAS BAKER.

companies questioned

result could have been achieved by an altogether cheaper and speedier method? The prosecution of Swan

system, ie, one person failed to follow the rules.

from this case.

What are the alternatives?

First, the case could have been brought in a magistrates court. This has the power to impose a fine of up to 11,000

were fined £3,000 for three offences). Prosecution in a magistrates court would not have involved the three and a half-year delay which occurred before the Swan Hunter case was brought to a Crown court, nor would it have involved such

enormous legal costs. Secondly, however, and more importantly, there are other means by which proper safety standards can be imposed end maintained without recourse to any courts of law.

It is strangely inconsistent that had the accident at Swan Hunter taken place at a naval dockyard or indeed on any premises belonging to the Crown no case could have been brought because of the Crown's immunity from prosecution.
This is not to say that safety standards in Crown properties are inadequate but rather that standards are satisfactorily maintained by methods other than prosecution through a court of law,

The basic question posed then is as follows: should publicly owned bodies be prosecuted for alleged breaches in safety regulations? Given the apparent lack of return involved in this course of action it would seem that there is a strong case for abandoning such prosecutions in future. B. A. MORGAN. Morgan Finch & Partners, 27 Regent Road,

East Enders demand a say in their future

From the Rev Robert J. Yeo. Sir, I have every sympathy with Sir Kenneth Thompson, chairman of Manchester chairman of Manche County Gouncil, who reported (December 10), describing the proposed establishment of a development corporation for his area as monstrous company (which would, of opposed to every concept of include a company) local democracy". I wonder if I could ask him, through the columns of your newspaper, to. have a quiet word in the ear of the leader of the Greater London Council (Knight to Knight declaring knowledge of Psalm 19: 9) and tell him that London's East Enders, like Merseysiders, are proud of their locality and demand a

say in their future and that of their environment. If created, the Development Corporation for London's Docklands will deprive East Enders of such a say in the same way as the similar proposals for Merseyside will reader powerless our fellow dock-landers in the North.

Like Sir Kenneth I would say give our local councils the

money and the power and let-them get on with the job. I believe that they would get on with the creative task of developing our docklands instead of threatening to destroy the unique community of the Isla of Dogs with a six lane motor way or publishing dreams of a Utopian Olympic village at £10

per copy.
ROBERT J. YEOMANS,
Christ Church Vicarage,
Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, London, B14 9BN.

The ECC and Britain's oil

Prom Professor E. Happold Sir, Our EEC partners believe that it is not unreasonable to expect some subsidy on their natural assets such as agricultural produce together with high taxation on food imported into the EEC. Equally it would seem reasonable that we should accede to their request to tredt them with special status re-garding our oil and gas sales. Our oil and gas is among the most difficult and expensive m extract in the world and should be charged at a considerably higher price than the est of the EEC. At the same time external supplies of oil and gas imported into the EEC should he higher taxed. Your faithfully, EDMUND HAPPOLD Building Engineering, University of Bath,

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Driving the overseas wedge into Lloyd's

American disclosure regulations may have orced Marsh & McLennan out into the pen earlier than it would have liked with ts possible bid for C. T. Bowring. Even so he move seems impulsive and may have een born out of MGM's frustration that ilans for an ambitious premium pooling rrangement have foundered after eighteen ronths of hard talking.

It is not wholly clear why the pooling lan has failed though Bowring purs the lame squarely in the American's court. What is clear though is that with Bowring apitalized at around £119m before suspension and presumably able to command a remium of at least 50 per cent. M & M ill be taking on quite a challenge if it

ecided to go ahead, even now that it can

se equity in part payment. MGM's current spitalization is around \$970m (£443m).
One particularly odd aspect of the move M & M's insistence that it would not like upset Lloyd's, which it views as its most apportant market, and would thus go along ith any general or particular ruling from e Lloyd's committee.

This would mean that having taken over owring. M & M would be obliged to sell off i per cent of the broking interests in the me way that Frank B. Hall was obliged divest itself of three-quarters of Leslie & odwin. Thus even a successful takeover ove would leave M & M with United ingdom subsidiaries like Singer and Friednder, Bowmaker and a small shipping vision, but only 25 per cent of the division nich currently provides about two thirds the profits.

At the same time just as Lloyd's is mortant to M & M so the reverse is true, ith the American leader supplying rough various United Kingdom firms ssibly as much as a quarter of total annual emiums of £2,000m annually. Whatever e outcome of this move the pressure is ill on Lloyd's to come up with a solution the dilemma over foreign control which pears more satisfactory to its giant Amerin suppliers.

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Vithout the overnment-

adually the Government has been with-awing from its involvement in ICL. First all there was an end to the loans, worth om (and still to be repaid—although on margins related formula which makes it ely that the day of retribution will never rive), for the development of the series on computer; then a term (1980) was set the preferential procurement policies actised by government department; and w the reconstituted NEB has sold its 25 r cent stake in the company. So, the vernment can do very well without ICL, t can ICL do without the Government? In the short-term the answer is evidently s. The company's profits are on a strongly ing trend; the end to preferential prorement, although potentially a threat to ies (some 5 per cent of turnover is inlved directly; may be as much as 18 per ot if local authorities and Government encies are included) is unlikely to have amatic immediate repercussions; and hough the sharp rise in the interest charge t year, and the absence of information on learch and development spending has lated a certain amount of speculation out cash requirements, it is plain enough it ICL can, if necessary, make do on ernal resources in the forseeable future. is over what happens thereafter, that the estions ought to arise.
The company itself points out first, that

t £40m in loans notwithstanding, some 3-thirds to three quarters of the cost of reloping series 2900 was found internally; i second, that since developments now evolutionary rather than revolutionary, next bout of heavy development spendis maybe 20 years away.

iven good management ICL should not hampered with the sort of problems that empts to integrate English Electric com-ers and ICT created in the early 1970s. if the cash requirements are under con-, there are still questions over the

At the moment ICL looks quite capable dealing with the opposition: but its iger-term opportunities are likely to be determined by policies laid down by the EEC. So doing without the Government is a

SUMIT

Unquoted possibilities

The vogue for small companies is looking a little long in the tooth now and perhaps dangerous as the recession starts to bite. But it is still a tempting bandwagon to get on to if you can get the sums right.

The trick first is to find the funds (not necessarily difficult since the institutions became subject to moral pressure from successive governments and various committees like Wilson) and second to find the companies worth investing in. The latter is much more difficult as people like Equity Capital found out.

But a new vehicle, SUMIT (Sharp Un-quoted Midland Investment Trust), may have an advantage in that it is Birmingham based and well-versed in the ways of the West Midlands where of course a great untapped source of small companies still exists. SUMIT, the brainchild of brokers Albert E. Sharp, has collected an impressive list of eleven institutions as shareholders each of whom have committed between \$750,000 to subscribe between £250,000 and £750,000 to subscribe in a private placing of £1.04m equity and £4.16m 5 per cent preference stock (this to be drawn down over an anticipated three year period), £520,000 being available at the

SUMIT is looking for sound unquoted companies in which it would take a maximum stake of 40 per cent (though ideally more like 20 per cent) and where it can get an initial yield of between 7 and 9 per LEST rising to 15 per cent or more through.

a participating preference capital formula.

These preference shares could be converted into equity at any time.

The snag now is to find those investments and to ensure that once made they continue to perform. A stake as small as 10-15 per cent should leave the proprieturs with sufficient incentive, but there will always be concern about losing even this amount of control, especially as SUMIT will insist quite reasonably on close monitoring.
It remains to be seen whether SUMIT can

come up with the West Midland investments that have so often eluded "foreigners" from London, but its argument could well be more persuasive if a buy-back clause was included, something which SUMIT is not prepared to do at this stage.

Waiting

Hopes that the world oil picture would clear in 1980 to make oil investment less of a hit and miss affair now appear to have been dashed by the events in the run-up to the Opec meeting in Caracas. Last week' initiative from the doves led by Saudi Arabia to take the sting out of the hawks' more strident price demands appears to have been neutralized by Libya's move to lever up the general price level by putting up its price to more than \$30 a barrel before

the official two-day meeting got under way.

And it looks increasingly unlikely that there will be an early return to the unified pricing structure which would help prevent

the price leap-frogging of the past year.

The Department of Energy wasted no time yesterday in letting it be known that North Sea oil prices would follow Opec prices up sooner rather than later although there was little immediate follow through in North Sea companies with large producing

Current valuations for North Sea shares highly geared to the oil price-and by and large that means the smaller groups like Ultramar, Lasmo, Tricentrol although ICFs Ninian share is now starting to influence even its level of profits-appear to be fully

valued on current oil prices. Plainly there are considerable doubts about the extent to which prices can go on rising in real terms in the face of the expected recession and the West's commit ment to cut back oil imports.

Hugh Stephenson

The great high-wire banking act

In these last few weeks the world's monetary and banking system has been passing through its worst crisis since 1945. In the years since the 1973-74 oil

price explosion, the international banking system has performed admirably the essential function of recycling the huge Opec surpluses to those countries that were in consequent balance of pay-ments deficit. This task is likely to become again more burdensome after the Opec meeting at Caracas.

The root of the problem is that the financial war between fran and the United States has sent a spasm through the banking system. The result of this spasm is an inevitable contraction of the system's capacity to perform the task it has undertaken in the last five years. The technical default on the Iranian borrowings, declared by the American banks led by the Chase Manhatten, has exposed the high-wire banking act for what it is, namely an act without much visible means of support.

Two episodes from recent history threw this present crisis into high relief. First, Turkey. When the four leaders of the western world met together at the Guadeloupe summit in January they concluded that Turkey could not be allowed to go bankrupt.

allowed to go bankrupt.
Turkey was a test case for the nonCommunist world. It does not qualify as
a "Less Developed Country". It has a
democratic government. It is key to the

saved.

But most studies, including one commissioned from leading western mer-chant banks by the Turkish central bank, concluded that Turkey owed some \$14,000m to banks and required \$1-2,000m a year for the next five years to have any chance. Further, the sum should be committed in advance so that the Turkish Government could base rational medium-term planning upon it.

After Guadeloupe the Germans were given the lead, in view of their close commercial and banking interests in commercial and banking interests in Turkey. The initial promises were in the order of \$15m from Britain, \$100m from the United States and effectively nothing from the French. The Japanese indicated that they were less than interested because they had not been invited to Guadeloupé. The conclusion is clear. The sums

involved in these financial problems are way beyond what any national government can take, either in terms of its own budget or in terms of the willingness of its public opinion to shoulder massive aid burdens.

The second episode concerns the United Kingdom in the autumn of 1976. The initial International Monetary Fund position, when Mr Callaghan's govern-ment was faced with the great sterling crisis, was that there should be hig public spending cuts, accompanied by a substantial devaluation of sterling. down to \$1.50 was closer to the surface than the IMF now like to admit). In return for this package, the IMF, it seems, would even have been prepared to condone substantial import controls.

The conclusion here is equally clear. The IMF has a very narrow mandate. It is concerned with providing finance to bridge temporary balance of payments deficits and it does so on the basis of austerity pacakages designed to remove the deficits within the short to medium

The number of democratic governments capable of imposing the 1976 austerity package and surviving without doing fundamental damage to the fabric of their societies can probably be ot their societies can probably be counted on the fingers of two hands. It is symbolic that, when the IMF ream went on from London to Cairo, their prescription led to instant bread riots. It should be noted that the Turkish government of Mr Ecevit did not survive his negotiations with the IMF in 1978-79.

We are however not dealers with

We are, however, not dealing with temporary payments deficits, but with long-term structural problems. Here the private banking system has the wrong terms of reference. It has to do the financing, because no one else can. But it has to pretend to itself that it is acting on the basis of hard-headed com-mercial reality.

Most of the debtor countries in the

world can only service their existing debts promptly if they can take up new borrowings promptly. And here lies the full significance of the present spasm.

Banks have no option but to roll over and re-phase existing loans. However bad the situation, they can only put a good face on it. But after the events of these weeks they will collectively be very chary about entering into large new commitments. Bankers do not like

having to explain to their shareholders why they are throwing more good loans The general shape of the solution is obvious. The private banking system will need strengthening and support to carry on its function. Governments can-not perform it. The IMF has neither the resources nor the right mandate fo the main job, however useful its ordi-nary function. Private banks have the right mechanisms, if they can be sup-

ported officially.

Jointly or severally, governments and central banks will be forced to set up some guarantee or insurance facility, run on commercial lines, with which the private banks can lay off the heavy country risks which the system requires them to bear.

A supranational Export Credits Guarantee Department might well serve as an initial model. If something of this kind is not done rapidly, the present spasm will rapidly turn into something altogether more serious.

How to keep the shop-floor in touch with reality

to go forth and spread the gospel, of what the Confederagospel, of what the Confederation of British Industry calls
"business realities" to employees, are growing a little
shrill. Having repeated the
theme continuously during the
last month or so and sounding,
he says, a little like "a worn
out gramophone record", even
Sir John Methven, the CBI's
director general and one of the
most fervent believers in the most fervent believers in the idea, is starting to sound somewhat discouraged.

This is not surprising in view of the bombardment of indus-trial indicators showing continuing poor productivity and soaring unit costs relative to those of our main competitor countries.

It was not until the CBI embarked on its business realities campaign last month that many business leaders recognized the size of the com-munications chasm which has opened up between management and workers.

As an example of just how wide that gap is, a recent survey has shown 50 per cent of workers believe that companies in general are earning good profits. The reality is that overall profitability is at a record low.

The same research has shown that the majority of employees would have second would damage future growth and investment.

Second thoughts

The CBI launched its campaign to counter the ignorance implicit in the first of these opinion poll figures and build on the common sense in the

It has a hard job. What is quite clear is that a radical change in management as well as employee attitudes is needed. as employee arriuoses is needed.

The sad truth is that most
middle and junior managers do,
nor know the true profitability
[or otherwise] of their opera-

If employees think profits are three times as high as the true figure, another CBI survey dis-covered that managers often think profits are twice as high as they really are; and only six out of ten managers could ex-plain how profits are calculated and name the main items that make up a profit and loss

These are the people who are supposed to be providing a direct link with the shop-floor.

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The minimum drill set down in the CBI's checklist of pracin the CBI's checklist of prac-tical steps for explaining busi-ness realities to people at work, starts with the chief executive. He is asked to give a formal explanation of the company's performances and prospects at least twice a year, and prefer-ably more often, to all

But he can only do this if he understands what the performance and prospects are. He will, in addition, have to display a frankness which is by no means universal and which in the present dismal account. the present dismal economic conditions may be thought to have undesirable repercussions on shareholders and sources of

Returns

His understanding, of course, will be affected by the account-ing procedures of his company and most companies are still wholly wedded to the historic cost method. Traditional methods show that British Companies appear to be giving a return on investment of 15

But real profits, taking into account the true cost of reequipment and such things as restocking raw materials, amount to less than 3 per cent —the lowest figure ever

Even if the information is is to be used. to hand, the most willing of managements may fall at the negotiating machinery built up probably over a very long period, it would simply be unthinkable for management to discuss the implications of a pay claim face-to-face with the men on the shop floor. Despite the difficulties, radi-

cal action is needed. But given the scale of the problem, it would be wrong to expect quick results. The danger is of giving

Patricia Tisdall

No respite for the shipbuilders

British Shipbuilders set a precedent for itself yesterday by publishing for the first time in its short life a half-year financial statement. In contrast with the voluminous half-year statement of the loss-making British Steel Corporation the shipbuilders' 54-word long statement is a masterpiece of brevity.

The shipbuilding organization restricted itself to stating imply that the trading loss for the first six months of the year had amounted to £53m and said that it "believes" that the trading loss for the full will be within the financial limit set by Sir Keith Joseph in the summer. This will involve keep-ing losses down to a level of £100m after raking account of assistance from the Government's shipbuilding intervention fund which is used to provide a subsidy to narrow the gap between British prices and those of overseas competitors.

In its first mine months of existence, BS recorded a loss of £108m and last year, its first full financial year, the loss was £49.5m although that figure ex-cluded £12m in respect of restructuring costs which fell outside the scope of the Government-set loss limit.

policies are being changed so that the loss in 1980-81 will have to be kept to £90m before three lean years ahead.

money from the intervention

The Government is st

recorded.

If these global statistics are broken down to individual company and plant level, the fire picture may be more frightening than the proprietors care to contemplate let alone pass on to the world in general or their own workers in particular.

India is included.

On that basis, and given that the Government has set a limit of £55m of intervention fund and for next year, the corporation will be forced to reduce its trading loss to only £35m if all of next year's intervention fund money is to be used. The storm cones have already

been hoisted. Mr Philip Hares, last hurdle as they attempt to managing director of finance at get the facts to the men on BS said recently: "Strenuous the shopfloor. For in many efforts will have to be made by heavily unionized plants with all concerned to achieve our

State owned **British Shipbuilders** yesterday announced a trading loss of £53m for the first six months of the year.

targets. As far as cash is concerned we are in serious danger of not being able to live within the limits set by Government.". BS is operating with a cash limit of £250m for the current financial year but the corporation is already in danger of over-spending and action has had to be taken to cut expenditure. Sir Keith Joseph has con-

Peter Hill reports

considers that the tax-payer is not prepared to continue funding unprofitable enterprises and that philosophy applies as much About half of this year's £65m fintervention fund aid has already been committed on the 20 or so orders gained towards nent-set loss limit. the corporation's target of 45.

Next year the accounting ships. This is the base-loan required to keep the merchant vards going through the two The Government is still cam-

> mitted to disposing certain of the BS assets to the private sector—"at the appropriate time". That remains some way off and will almost certainly encompass only the naval yards. The merchant yards—with some exceptions—face a short-term future of almost unrelieved gloom. The reduction in the indus-

try's workforce since nation-alization two-and-a-half years uso has involved the loss of about 10,000 jobs. More jobs are due to go in the new year and the failure to attract a minimum vy to of orders will mean still wave reductions in the labour force, The prospect of a national

steel strike hus already sent shipyard purchasing managers scurrying in search of alternative supplies and the strike, if it occurs, will certainly blow ES off its financial course. Like British Steel the shipbuilding arrangements of the striphy afford. organization cannot afford a cost-of-living pay increase for its 77,000 workers and executives will be appealing for common sense to prevail among the shipyard unions.

Improved efficiency and productivity are now absolutely vital to BS if it is to get through its difficulties. But there are other ways in which costs could be cut. The continued existence of two presidents and existence of two prestige head-quarter blocks, one in Knights-bridge, London, and the other at Newcastle upon Tyne, is something which Sir Keith and his officials may start to ques-

BS has consistently argued that it is necessary to maintain two headquarters despite the duplication of office services and the not inconsiderable costs involved in executives commut-ing week by week between London and the North-east.

The other factor which 35 has to weigh is the state of world shipbuilding market prices. Costs of building in Britain are about 30 per cent higher than elsewhere but the corportion is only able to subsidize to the tune of 25 per cent of the cost of ships ordered in the United Kingdom.

Much of the delay involved Much of the delay involved in securing the much needed orders for Govan Shipbuilders on Clydeside last week warcaused by the BS request for the EEC Commission to approve a level of subsidy of hetween 25 to 30 per cent. The Commission, which is anxious to secure a progressive reduction in state aid to shipbuilding, is taking a bard line on aid. is taking a hard line on aid beyond agreed levels. It can be expected to get even tougher.

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TRADING PROFIT up 197 (537 in past two years)

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國 EARNINGS per share up from 15·8p to 21·0p B DIVIDENDS increased 252 to 8-9p per share

* Results of rationalisation and better control reflected in performance

术 Group financial position strong

*Confidence in facing expected economic difficulties

Turnover Trading Profit	1979 £000 254,893	1978 <u>£000</u> 226,930
Iron and steel Construction (associated companies £2,834,000,1976-£3,177,000) Engineering Motor vehicle distribution Industrial services	4,283 7,092 1,663 2,990 1,572 17,600	2,760 7,160 1,280 2,295 1,321
Profit before taxation	15,090	11,831
Earnings	12,076	8,948
Dividends (paid and proposed)	3 ,234	2,456
Profit retained Fully diluted earnings per share Dividends per ordinary share	8,856 21·0p 8·9p	6,631 15-8p 7-1p

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Business Diary: Korans, coypus and Cambridge

of the publishers licensed print the Bible, so they're arly on to a good thing. But P, up to date in many ways, is not print the Koran,

'I dont think the question : ever come up", Andrew wn, CUP's Islamic editor I me. "The world would m to be rather well off with sies of the Koran already". vevertheless, the tide of airs in the Middle East has shed to advantage against P's doors. Says Brown: "I nk it probably true that the pression which scholarly publicions have experienced in the d-seventies, certainly in the manities, has not been rected in Islamic publica-

More and more students, 's Brown, are enrolling in amic studies classes up and wn country whether as a in or a subsidiary subject. CUP is beavering away at this orket, having been lucky 70 Lampton, Lewis and Holt's two volume Cambridge His-y of Islam, since 1976 avail-le as four paperbacks.

CUP apparently received ne cash from the Shah's. sime towards the capital cost the big six-volume Cam-idge History of Iran which Ban to appear 10 years ago. Contrary to academic tradim, Valume One-W. B. sher's The Land of Iran-was e first to appear. Haware ings soon sertled dreve. d Voi !

nbridge Limitations on public spending nbridge University Press is are having an effect peculiar to the jens, of sparking off a Coypu (illustrated right) baby boom. The Great Ouse Land Drainage Committee, which meets in Cambridge, has been told there will be no extra Min of Ag cash to help put down the litle blighters who are said to do about 12m worth of damage a year to river

> One Fellow of whom young relatives might entertain legitimate hopes this Christmas is Richard Newton, the bursar of reconcile himself to Cambridge. Trinity Hall.

Newton has just attended his first board meeting as a non-executive director of the toy maker Berwick Timpo. The in-viation was at the suggestion. of Hill Samuel, adviser to Berwick as it was once to the tex-tiles company Bury & Masco.

Until three years ago, when Bury & Masco was taken over by Scapa Group, Newton was Bury's chief executive, Trinity Hall thereupon took over Newton, and he has been running the college's finances, and directing its investments ever

He told me: "I don't have any teaching duties. I am in touch with the undergraduates if they get into some sort of financial problem. Not long after Newton, who

read classics at St John's, came Trinity he was head-hunted a directorship of dry-Sketchley, a job he



Until 1974 he was more familiar with Cambridge, Massachusetts, than Cambridge, England, having done a spell at the Harvard Business School.

Nevertheless, in that year he became managing director of the electronics company. Pye of Cambridge. He held this post until he was selected for (not unexpectedly for a lifelong Tory) and won his home constituency of East Sussex in this way. Purcelections this year's Euro-elections.

He told me: "The trouble with being in business and in Cambridge is that business takes up so much of your time that you have to make a special effort or you don't get the best out of being there at all," He had vowed to have a political as well as a business career, and with the Euro-elec-tions looming, knew that he might not be in Cambridge for-

career, and with the Euro-electing after Newton, who sics at Sr John's, came with the in Cambridge for he was head-hunted directorship of dry.

Sketchley, a job he Sketchley, a job he sich and if anything if anything just signed up as a political ment immediately invests in computers and in gerting them. on lists, weather-forecaster with A. T. computers and in getting them Kearney, working."

● Sir Duncan Wilson, the Master of Corpus Christi, tells

He has been burrowing away has for the last two years at a re-view of the public records system with the help of Margaret Gowing, Professor of the Hisosward, Educated at Oxford, Paul Osward, Secretary to the Church Commissioners, and the committee's secretary, Graham Aylett, of the Department of Education and Science. Their job has been to see how

well the system established a quarter of a century ago by the Grigg Committee has been working. Since then the Public Record Office and departmental records officers within government have selected and preserved such records as might assist historians in the future.

Sir Duncao's committee was vested outside, it has had to not asked to appraise the need for the 30-year rule on the release of state papers, and has been further circumscribed in its recommendations by a poli- I tried hard, but fruitlessly, tical atmosphere that rules out wheezes involving more nublic spending.

ber of records, and with the possibilities of machine-readable data ", he says.

 Businessmen who commute from Heathrow to Paris fly from me that the Committee of Enterminal One if travelling quiry into Public Records that he chairs is to report in the new year.

To make their lot a little easier the Desirable Authorite. the British Airports Authority has been busily building a smaller terminal in the middle of the two, at which all Paris services, as well as those to a number of other European points, will depart and arrive. Unfortunately for the peripa-

Untortunately for the perspatetic executive, work on this £8m project has stopped and will remain stopped for anything up to six months, while the BAA moves into its next financial year. "Reductions in the capital programme to comply with government cash limitations", is the official reason. Put simply, the authority has run out of building cash; and, as present rules prevent it

laying its corporate hands on any of the money it has in-

send the builders home for the time being.

during my stay in Cambridge to hear the Great Hum, the sound that has bothered the locals for We are concerned at the as much as 11 years. My very great increase in the num-researches, unfortunately, were blotted out by the tinkling of ice cubes and the chink of glasses in that convivial place.
I think it is a hit much, though

Ross Davies

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets.

Investors shy away so equities drift lower

A pessimistic report from the CBI combined with nervous-ness ahead of the OPEC price fixing conference in Caracas swiftly put an end to Friday's technical ralli-

Dealers had anticipated a continuation of Friday's brighter conditions which had attracted some small buying. But in the event dismal weekend comment kept investors away. Shares tended to drift lower although no sizeable sell-ing was encountered. Hopes that buyers would materialize after lunch to take advantage of the lower prices soon faded and the FT, Index closed artis lowest point of the day 7.7 down at 423.3.

Not all companies and their shares have fallen on hard times. Despite a small yield, Aeronautical & General Instru-Aeronautical & General Instru-ments are at a 1978-79 high of 205p. The appeal is the group's nicke in electronic pay phones and the potential market at the Post Office, still struggling to catch up with our telephone bills. Interim profits rose from £133,000 to £213,000 and for the year ground and for the year around £465,000 against £338,000 seems quite possible.

Gilt edged were less active of late although dealers reported a reasonable amount of turn-over. After a firm start, longs finished the day with falls at about £1 while shorts showed falls of about £1 to £1. The Government broker reported further interest in the tap Treasury 14 per cent 1998/2001

Little activity was reported among leading industrials as jobbers spent most of the day marking prices lower. Even Imperial Group shed ip to 771p after its shareholders decision

Fears that a fall in MLR may yet be some way off sent property shares easier. Land Securities fell 12p to 262p and Haammerson "A" retreated 5p retreated 5pto 690p. MEPC, reporting today,
vesisted the trend, holding firm
at 169p, while favourable
figures from County & District
Properties was good for a 4p
rise to 102p.

Shares of C. T. Bowring were temporarily suspended at 109p following the merger approach from Marsh & McLennon, while Minet Holdings jumped 5p to 102p after news that Corroon & Black of New York, had further extended its stake to over 6.6m

Elsewhere in the insurance

sector, Commercial Union dipped 3p to 139p and falls of 4p were noted in GRE at 228p and General Accident at 216p. Shares of Crown House slipped 1p to 601p after its interim statement and has not yet ruled out a bid for Denby-ware for which it acquired a near 30 per cent stake earlier this year. However, a bid is not this year. However, a bid is not expected before the new year.

An agreed bid worth £4.18m from British Vita, 4p down at 129p, saw Vita-Tex, returning from suspension, leap 47p to 116p, News that the NEB had placed its 25 per cent of ICL in the market at 455 5/16p saw the shares din 8p to 470p. last week saw a 5p surge to

last week saw a 5p surge w 671p.

Among companies reporting, Dom Holdings lifted 4p to 96 and Norcros was a penny firmer at 711p after favourable trading statements. Siebe Gorman was 2p better at 150p and T. W. Ward, up 11p at 80p, while A. Cohen Ethioping in with more than trebled profits, improved 2p to 263p. proved 2p to 263p.

Pavourable press comment was good for Sirdar, 3p up at p. Pleasurama, 14p stronger 130p and Gomme Holdings, 1p firmer at 48p.

The nervousness surrounding OPEC talks in Venezuala

The shares of Zenith Car-buretter at 77p, are again look-ing interesting. With French components maker Matra taking a controlling interest in Zenith parent company Soler, there is some speculation that Zenith could become the subject of a full bid from Matra. One day bid gossip could come true.

Imperial Continental Gas 2p.to 610p and London Merchant Securities 3p to 122p. Only National Carbonising with some Securities 3p to 122p. Only according to the Exchange National Carbonising with some disappointing figures went tronics, ICI, BP new Shell, against the trend dipping 7p to Loniro, RTZ, BP, Unilever, 121p, while Attock also report ton new, Marks & Spencer and Elsewhere, press comment pro- Allied Breweries:

Gold shares were mainly quiet and the Gold Mines. Index dipped 0.7 to 265.7. Among the London financials.

RTZ continued to gain ground.

on the strength of the Argyle
report advancing 8p to 322p
while "Tanks" improved 6p to

Equity turnover on 14. was £83.654m (14.467 bargains). Active stocks yesterday.

Latest results.

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•		Company	Sales	Profits	Earnings	Div	Pay	Year's
	and General Accident at 216p.	Int or Pin	£m · · ·	-£m	pet share	pence	date	totai
_	Shares of Crown House	Attock Peixol (F)	0.35(0.07)	0.03c(0.06)	1.7c(1.5)	(im)		—()
•	slipped ip to 60 p after its	Canayos (1)	25.4(22.3)	0.54(0.53)	-(-)	2.2(2.2)	24/1	 ()
F	interim statement and has not	TAL COMED (1)	16.2(11.7)	0.94(0.32)	18.15(1.54)	1.6(2.0)	- 14/2	—(6. <u>1</u> 5)
į.		Cuty & Dist Prop (I)	—I(—) -	0. 30 (0.29)	1.81(1.79)	0.58(0.32)	—	—(—)
•	yet ruled out a bid for Denby-	Crown House (1)	64.9(48.3)	1.68(1.47)	—()	2.25(2.0)	22/2	—(4.5)
•	ware for which it acquired a	Dom Hidgs (I)	7.0(5.7)	0.70(0.35)	4.6(3.5)	1,97(1.79)	8/2	(3. 39) .
5	near 30 per cent stake earlier	Ests & Agy Hidgs (I)	0.09(0.07)	0.04(0.02)	-(-)	nil(nil)		—() ··
•	this year. However, a bid is not	Grestiam Invsi (I)	-(-)	0.57(0.50)	—()	0.88(0.79)	19/1	—(1.55) _.
E	expected before the new year.	Hardys & Hanson (F)	11.2(10.2)	1.88(2.2)	20.7(17.3)	.6.8(—)		9.4(7.8)
•	An agreed bid worth £4.18m	Haywood Willms (I)	12.9(10.6)	0.57(0.37)	7.1(5.0)	2.10(1.5)		—(3.25)
L	from British Vita, 4p down at:	J. & H. B. JCkSD (F)		3.01(2.77)	8.8(6.5)	0.75(0.5)	9/4 .	1.4(1.01)
,	129p, saw Vita-Tex, returning	Kennedy Smale (1)		0.33(0.24)	—()	1.4a(1.3la)		. —(—) -
	from suspension, leap 47p to	DESTITUTE LIGHTS (L.)		3.36(3.15)	45.1(35.8)	5.23(4.5)	4/2	
Ξ.		NB Steel Grp (F)			9.7(11.8)	1.36(1.36)	18/2	2.0(2.0)
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND HEARING IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

DELAWARE TRUST COMPANY (as Successor Tressec Under the Mortgage and Deed of Tre Dated as of February I. 1933, by Shanghai Power Company), and Andounally ERRARIN & CO., and ALL OTHER HOLDERS OF THE & TARL PREFERENCE STOCK OF SHANGE.

TO: ALL PRESENT HOLDERS OF UNSTAMPED 54% PIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES SERIES DUE 1973 OF SHANGHAI POWER COMPANY AND SILVER PREFERRED STOCK, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS 6 TAEL STOCK, OF SHANGHAI POWER COMPANY:

You were notified on or about April 14, 1972 of the pendency of this case. The purpose of this notice is to inform you that a settlement has been agreed and S. A. Judah ("Judah") on behalf of the class of holders of Silver Preferred Stock sometimes known as 6 Tael Stock (the "Shares") of Sto defendants S. A. Judah ("Judah") on behalf of the class of holders of Silver Preferred Stock sometimes known as 6 Tacl Stock (the "Shares") of Stanghai Power Company ("SPC") and Delawate Trust Company (the "Trustee"), as successor musice under the Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of February I, 1933 for SPC'S 54% First Mortgage Debentures Series due 1973 ("Debentures"), subject to Court approval, and that a hearing will be held before this Court to determine whether this settlement should be approved, the 220,000 insued and outstanding Shares cancelled and declared to be without value, the australped Debentures (as defined below) cancelled and declared to be without value, and this action and all clasms asserted against SPC herein dissussed.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. IF YOU QUALIFY AS A MEMBER OF THE CLASS DESCRIBED ABOVE OR ARE A HOLDER OF ANY OF THE UNSTAMPED DESCRIBED ABOVE AND FILE A STATEMENT OF CLAIM IN THE MANNER SET FORTH BELOW, YOU MAY RECOVER MONEY.

L SETTLEMENT HEARING

1. By Onder or Grover C. Brown, Vice Chancellor of the Court of Chancery for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County (the "Court"), entered parament to Rule 23(e) of the Delaware Chancery, Court Rules, a hearing will be held on February 13, 1980 at 1100 A.M. in the Court of Chancery, Public Building, Wilmington, Delaware upon an application by consult for plaintif SPC and counsel for defendants. Rulah and the holders of the Shares (the "Class") and the Arrestee for approval by the Court of a proposed Scipulation and Agreement of Controlnine and Sentenent ("Agreement") in the above entitled actions.

The Court has reserved the right to adjourn the hearing without further notice to the Class and to approve the Settlement with such modification as the parties may agree

2. Any person claiming to be a member of the Class and/or any person claiming to hold unstamped Debentures may appear at said bearing in person or by duly authorized norsey and show cause why the Agreement should not be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate and why judgment should not be entered attacking the complaint isminsing the counterclaim of the Class and cancelling the 220,000 Shares, and disminsing the counterclaim of the Counter and cancelling the entermied Debentures, provided.

Richard C. Allison, Esq. Reid & Priest 40 Wall Street New York, New York 10005

R. Franklin Baloni, Esq.

Poet Building toe, Delaware 19899

coursel for the Class

David I. Wynne, Esq. Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison Spear Street Topier

Morris and Rosenthal, P.A. 214 One Customs House Squ Wilmington, Delaware 19899

Somers S. Priot, Esq

Potner, Anderson & Co. 350 Delaware Trest Bo

Paners filed with the Court group he accompanied by proof of service upon creasel for SPC and upon on

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3. The holders of unstamped Debentures will be represented at the hearing by the Trustee.

4. The term "unstamped Debenques" means those S4% First Mortgage Debenques Series due 1973 of SPC the certificates of which are NOT stamped with a legend reading

"For value received the holder of this debenture has agreed for himself and each successive transferor or holder factor that all interest accroing on this debenture on or prior to February 10, 1937, has been paid in full and that the Company has been discharged of all obligation to make any payment on account of this debenture in Chinese Silver Dollars or in any equivalent themself is silver, and the holder of this debenture has agreed for himself and each successive transferor or holder thereof and the Company has agreed that from and after February 10, 1937, notwithstanding anything in this debenture or in the mortgage or in any of the debentures of Shanghai Power Company First Mortgage Debentures 39% Dollars Scheen due 1973 stand in the contrary, each obligation of the Company formerly expressed in this debenture in Chinese Salver Dollars or in any equivalent in silver or otherwise on account of any payment whether of principal or interest or on the redemption of this debenture or otherwise shall be payable in a number of Chinese Dollars, Local Currency, equal in number to the number of Chinese Salver Dollars formerly stand to be payable. For value reteried the holder of this debenture has also egented for himself and each account of the 5155 Chinese Dollar Scriet due 1973 for the principal amount of the Company day debenture will be surrecated to the Company for anthony for a new debenture of the 5155 Chinese Dollar Scriet due 1973 for the principal amount of unice will be surrendered to to Chique Dollars, Local Cur

1. SPC commenced this proceeding in April 1972 to obtain a declaratory independ that two classes of securities of which SPC is the assec, namely, the Shares and the

Debenates, are without value.

2. On November 9, 1972, SPC field a motion for summary judgment requesting the relief demanded in the complaint and the dismissal of the counterclaims of the Trustee and the Class. The Court deverationed that the action maintained by Judah is a class action, the class consisting of all holders of the Shares, and granted summary judgment in fevor of SPC. The Delaware Supreme Court reversed the summary judgment is aver of SPC with respect to the Shares and required the case to the Court for trial on the measure of whether the Shares are without value. The Delaware Supreme Court affirmed the Court's summary judgment-holding that CSS87,573,300 principal amount of the measure
3. Following the decision of the Delaware Supreme Court, the parties engaged in discovery and settlement regulations were continenced among the parties which resulted for Agreement which will be presented to the Court for approval.

III. THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

A. Silver Preferred (6 Tanl) Stock

The Agreement, which is subject to the approval of the Court after notice to the Class, provider that in consideration of disminal of all claims of Indiah and the Class again SPC and the cancellation of all outstanding Shares, the following cam (the "Sacek Family will be effected attenue members of the Class (the "Sacek Family and proportion that the number of Shares held by each Class member personance in the settlement bears to the total number of participating Shares.

\$1,800,000 (plus interest therein at the rate of 10% per annum from October 1, 1979) plus 25% of any money ("Recovery", as defined below) obtained by SPC in respec of SpCs claim against the Respite by Republic of China (plus interest increase a date of payment by SPC to the Register in Chancery) less any fees and expe

Thus, each participating Class member's show of the Stock Fund will be determined by the following formula:

Total number of Shares

"Recovery" shall mean the net payment, if any, received by SPC or account of its claim of \$55,332,835 against the People's Republic of China as cerelled by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States under the China Claims Act (22 U.S.C. 13164) at any 1 mount recovered by SPC by counterclaim against any person under the Agreement.

The Agreement, which is subject to the approved of the Court other notice to the outstanded Dehenture bolders, provides that in consideration of dismissif of all claims of the units against SPC and the cancellation of all instruments Dehentures, the following sum (the "unsumped Dehenture Fund") will be allocated among the holders unsumped Dehenture principaling in the statement ("Debenture Punicipaling") in the proposition that the principal agreement of maximum Dehentures held by each phenture beautiful principal annual of instrumed Dehentures held by all Dehenture Participants.

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ond United States Dollars (22) for each Chinese Silver Dollar (CS\$1) principal amount of unstamped Debentures in excess of Forty Thousand Chinese Silver S240,000) principal amount of unstamped Debentures with suspect to which claims are certified by the Special Matter;

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in exceed \$1,250,000. SPC has agreed to pay up to \$1,000,000 of any such fees approved by the Court, payment of which is to be made in the following manner: \$750,000 upon the \$5,000,000 Day of \$1,000,000 of any such fees approved by the Court, payment of which is to be made in the following manner: \$750,000 upon the \$6,000 of act that fees approved by the Court of the Seriement Effective Date. Commel for the Cases will seek that Court of the Seriement Effective Date. Commel for the Cases that the Seriement Effective Date. Commel for the Cases that also make application to the Court for the payment of the Seriement Effective Date. Commel for the Class shall also make application to the Court for the payment of out-of-pocket dishumentents in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and for payment to Judah of \$50,000 for acrites beyond those normally performed by a shast representative. The reignbursement of ay to \$1,000 of such dishumentents in our the \$10,000 for acrites beyond those normally performed by the Court, will be paid by SPC and not from the Stock Final of Debenment Fond. eck, Phiegor & Harrison and Morris and Rosenthal, P.A., counsel for the Class, shall make application to the Court for th

Indain will also seeks payment of an additional \$45,000 from the Stock Fund on account of his services on behalf of the Claim, said payment to be made in five equal annual

1. Analoging that the Court approves the Agreement at or following the hearing and the mattement is therenfler com-of maximped Debenium's who wish to participate in the distribution of the Stock Fund and the maximped Debenium 1980 a duly excented Statement of Claim. And Release ("Statement of Claim.") by mailing the same to the Special Ma i following use hearing and the summation is necessary consequences, to have consequences and the first May 26, themson of the Stock Fund and, the translatured Debenture Fund, as the case may be, more fife on or before May 26, tement of Claim") by mailing the same to the Special Master appointed by the Court at the following additional

> Victor F. Battaglie, Esc. Special Masses P. O. Box 905 Section, Delaware 19899

are reading this Notice in a newspaper, one or more Scalements of Claim may be obtained by completing the born which follows this Notice and mailing it to the field on such form. If you have received this Notice by mail, a Statement of Claim has been included with this Notice. Benome who civing to hold both Sharen and ebentures should file a Statement of Claim for each type of security they claim to hold.

3. By submitting a Statement of Claim the signatory thereof

(a) Submits to the jurisdiction of the Court for all purposes of the claim;

(b) Acknowledges the binding effect upon him and all of his predocutors in interest of the Agreement when the Court approves the same;

(c) Releases the parties to the action from any and all claims which may be asserted by him or on his behalf based upon Shates or Debegrapes; (d) Represents and warrants that he is the true and lawful owner of all right, title and inspect in and to the States and/or master upon which his classe is:

(e) Represent and warrants that, to the best of his knowledge and buint, the claim does not be whole or in part duplicate any other claim filed in respect of the sense Sta

(f) Carifics that he is not independ to SPC and that SPC has no claim availant him on to the best of his learnington, zor of his predecessor in in

(2) Coments interocebly, on his own behalf and on behalf of all his producessors in interest, to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of Descripts (1) enter jud

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ement of Claim shall be executed and filed by a person claiming to hold legal title as owner of the Sharm or unitanged Debentures or by a reject sersion. The ornitories representing the Sharm or unitanged Debentures claimed to be sweet by each claimant shall be submitted with the arthorized by such person. The certificates represent aplanation given as to the location of such certificat

5. A Statement of Claim shall be deemed to be filed on the date when it is actually received by the Special Manuel.

6. Determination of the velidity of civins and entidement to participate in the sentenent shall be made by a Special Master appointed by the Court. The Special Master will notly any changes whose chain is rejected in whose or in part.

A claimant shall have fill days after unding of a notice of rejection by the Special Master to content such rejection by serving upon the Special Master, commend for SPC; and counsel for the Trustee (if the claim relates to unstamped Debeatures) or counsel for the Class (if the claim relates to Shaora), and filing with the Court an appeal contenting the rejection, stating the grounds therefor and requesting a heating thereon before the Court.

7. ANY MEMBER OF THE CLASS AND ANY HOLDER OF UNSTAMPED DEBENTURES AND ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POREGOING WED DOES NOT FILE A TIMELY AND PROPER STATEMENT OF CLAIM OR WROSE STATEMENT OF CLAIM B. REJECTED BY THE SPECIAL MASTER OR THE COURT WILL BE FOREVER BARRED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE STOCK FUND OR THE DEBENTURE FIND AND FROM PROSECUTING ANY OF THE CLAIMS ASSERTED IN THE COUNTERCLAIMS HEREIN OR WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN ASSERTED AGAINST ANY PARTY TO THE LITERATION OR OTHERWISE BASED IPON OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE SHARES OR THE UNSTAMPED DEBENTURES, AND SUCH CLASS MEMBER, HOLDER OF UNSTAMPED DEBENTURES OR REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BY ALL RESPECTS BE BOUND BY THE AGREEMENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE COURT AND BY ALL ORDERS OF THE COURT ENTERED IN THIS ACTION.

8. A copy of the Superbinea and Agreement of Settlement and Companies is available on request from Strangted Power Company, tyle Richard C. Affines, Eng., Red. & ins., 40 Wall Street, New York, New York, 10085.

V. INSPECTION OF PAPERS

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Please formed Supercent(s) of Clean to the following address:

Mr Murdoch leaves News Corporation temporarily

Mr Rupert Murdoch and two other directors have resigned from the board temporarily to meet the requirements of Australia's Broadcasting and Television Acts, according to a News Corporation statement. The three will rejoin the board when News Ltd and Ansert Transport Industries divest themselves of commercial felevision stations in Brisbanc. Adelaide and Brisbanc. Approval for the sales is being sought by the companies from the Australian Breadcasting Tribunal.
News Ltd now has approxi-

mately 50 per cent of Assett, and Mr Murdoch will become chief executive of the transport company soon. The sale of the television companies is necessary to avoid contravention of of more than one such station.

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Cons Gold strategy A new international develop ...

ment strategy is carefully being mapped by Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining and industrial givet. - - ·

List week Mr Rudolph Agnew, the company's chief executive, told the Society of Investment Analysts in London: "A decade or more ago we adopted two strategic printing ciples. The first was to shus imming in the lesser developed is countries. The second was to accord low priority to base a metal mining. I believe both principles have served us well, at but both now merit re as apprecial." Mr Agnew pointed out that

developing comtries were now res-less hostile to external invest for-medt. He said: "I foresee in oncreasing opportunity for selective investment outside our present areas."

CSR-Thiess

CSR Ltd. of Australia, is is seeking an extraordinary gen eral meeting of Thiess Holdings Ltd. of which it now controls the first to remove four in 56 per cent, to remove four, directors from the Queensland's

directors from the Queensland of company's board.

Although CSR did nor name of the members, Thiess issued a statement saying the four conscienced are chairman. Sir Lessie Thiess, two of his brothers and one other director. CSR says it is calling for the meeting to approve their removal ing the face of continuing refusally to agree to a restructuring of to agree to a restructuring of it ing;

Options

Racal Electronics made an manpressive start on its debuc in the traded options market. yesterday as unfavourable weekend comment had the effect of keeping investors away. Of the 513 rotal contracts completed, Racal contributed. only 19 and dealers reported; that the market had been open over an hour before the first contract in Racal had been completed .

Activity among traditional options was at a higher level than of late, with interest being, shown in Lonkro, Ladbroke-Warrants and National Carbon isine.

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A strong demand for cars has boosted profits of the motor distribution division though the previous comparable period was depressed by the Ford the strike.

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supplies.

In the past financial year the group generated a cash inflow of some 16m. The board is confident that 1980 profits will again rise and market estimates centre around \$16.5m.

For sharebolders there is a rise in the year's dividend of a third to 8.8p, covered 2.6 times.

The shares up 15p to 80p yes-

The shares, up 1 p to 80p yes-terday, yield 11 per cent.

The United States division, restaurants and hotel management, had a disappointing time,

mainly due to the American oil crisis earlier. But Mr Oliphant

reports an improvement and the division is looking forward to a good Christmas.

Heywood Williams is expected

to turn in pre-tax profits in the

£482,000 against £817,000. But the stocks have contributed to

a good start to the current half

year, the chairman says.
Jackson's forging division did
well during the year and it is
expected to improve over the

next two or three years as a result of solid orders from the

aerospace industry. Against this

the engineering was down by around 10 per cent, a symptom

The chairman states that the current year has started off buoyantly.

MORE FINANCIAL

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the summer dispute.

Nat Carbonising's plan which earned £110,000 in the first half year; a Cumbrian tungsten mine, Carrock Feli, currently losing money; a 6.8

smokeless fuel, mining and investment group, has seen pre-tax losses in the first half to September 30 rise by £51,000 to £206,000, But Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey, the 31-year-old evangelist who became chairman of the troubled company in August, has ambirious plans. Since the accounts were drawn he has concluded or is close to concluding agreements to realize £45,000 from the sale of the loss-making engineering

company AOT Flowmeters, and £150,000 from selling mining interests in Cumbria.

This eliminates two of National Carbonising's main losers. The deficit on mineral mining and employees in the losers. The deficit on mineral mining and exploration in the first half was £104,000, while that on engineering was £82,000. There is also the possibility of further gains from disposing of properties associated with the engineering side. NCC Commercial Vehicles was sold in November for £1.79m.

These disposals, which Mr Heywood Williams now holds 90 per cent of FPA's issued shares and it is making formal mine the group but he estimates application to acquire the outstanding shares. As the half-year ended in October the interim figures include no contribution from FPA.

N BRITISH STEEL
Pre-tax profits of the steel founders and engineering group North British Steel plummeted to 57,000 from 51m for the year to September 29, 1979. Turnover during "the 12 mouths fell from 19,97m to 59,08m.

The medium-term outlook is good, Mr Oliphant predicts, and EAST AFRICA HIGH COMMIS-SION
Listings of East Africa High
Commission (Railways and Harbours) 52 per cent stock, 1977-83
and Posts and Telecommunications, 52 per cent stock, 1977-83,
temporarily suspended, pending an
announcement. order of £1.5m at the end of the current year, although the chair-man will only forecast an immanufacturing divisions experiman will only forecast an imencing particularly buoyant provement on last year's markets.

WINSTON ESTATES
Eagle Star Insurance now holds
1.06m shares (18.11 per cent) in
Winston Estates; Trevor S. Passmore and family interests hold
597,000 (10.12 per cent); Priestgate Trust holds 436,500 shares
(7.4 per cent).

TOM HILL HOLDINGS TOM HILL HOLDINGS

Fre-tax profits for 10 months to October 31, 531,000, against 5532 for 12 months. No tax (same). Company has completed takeover of Free-Stay (In Britain) and its offshoot; Tom Hill Holidays, for £300,000 in 2.5 million shares. Board hopes it will not be long before company returns. be long before company returns to dividend list.

E. J. RILEY

Confidence that E. J. Riley, the snooker and furniture group, will continue to produce "favourable results" despite generally difficult conditions is expressed by the chairman, Mr Alan R. Deal, in his annual report. A. R. SUGDEN

Mr lan Partington, FCA, a part-ner in chartered accountants Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., has been appointed receiver and mana-

ger of A. R. Sugden & Co (Engineers), manufacturers of hi-fi equipment. The company has factories at Brighouse and Helmsley (Yorkshire). in these days of high interest rates it is some comfort to know that what little profit is available is not being eaten up by heavy servicing of debt.

TRICENTROL TRICENTROL

Tricentrol travel group—part of Tricentrol industrial Corporation subsidiary—has acquired coach-business of G. Howlett and Son (Quorn) and its subsidiary, L. Pole and Son. This increases Tricentrol's overall fleet of coaches from 75 to 95 and brings total fleet strength in the East Midlands area to 45 coaches.

Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey

chairman of National Carbonis-

Ferguson Lacey describes as "cleaning up the company", leave National Carbonising with

four main assets: the original smokeless fuel company, Rexco.

Briefly

NEB INVESTS IN DOYCE
The National Enterprise Board
has made an investment in Doyce
Electronics of Fakenham, Norfolk, Electronics of Fakenham, Nortolk, which designs and manufactures a range of digital electronic test equipment for petrol and diesel engines. The initial investment of £80,000 will give the NEB 25 per cent of the enlarged ordinary capital and 100 per cent of the preference. A further £36,667 is earmarked for investment in 1980 in the form of additional preference shares.

GUINNESS PEAT GROUP CUINNESS PEAT GROUP
Company has purchased Ronal
Ottey and Partners, marine hull
insurance brokers, for £618,000.
A further sum based on the
adjusted profits of the group's UK
marine broking business will be
paid.

LEEDS & DISTRICT DYERS
Chairman says to his annual statement that trading at the moment is extremely difficult. Liquid resources are adequate and

less fuel, as coal use increases, and for Rexco's byproducts Nevertheless, the shares fell 7p to 121p yesterday.

per cent stake in Loudon, Scottish and Marine Oil; and about 6 per cent in a Bermuda-

based company, Weeks Petro-

The last two are the basis of Mr Ferguson Lacey's plans for switching out of the industrial sector into energy. They represent 100p and 80p respectively of National Carbonists's are assets within a

bomising's ner assets value of about 183p a sbare. If either were to be the object of a bid, National could cash in hand-

somely.
Mr Ferguson Lacey denies

any intention of selling either Carrock Fell or Rexco. Geo-

logical proving is in progress at the mine and could indicate

higher grade tungsten ore than has hitherto been found. He sees a strong future for smoke-

JAMES GRANT (EAST)
Profits for nine months to October 31, £546,000 (against £603.000)
after deferred service charges, but before tax.

ARLEN ELECTRICAL
Arlen has made further allotment of 600.000 ordinary shares in
payment for Electronic and
Fluorescent Accessories.

BROWN & JACKSON
Brown and Jackson has bought
75 per cent of Gottfried and Paul
and Son, subject to vendors
obtaining clearance from Inland
Revenue Price: \$766,000.

Revenue. Price: £766,000.

NORTHERN FOODS

N. M. Rothschild & Sons announces that the shareholders of Bluebird Incorporated have approved the proposed acquistion of Bluebird by Northern Foods at a meeting held in Philadelphia on December 14, 1979.

The extraordinary meeting of Northern to approve the acquistion of Bluebird will be held on December 20.

VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER

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With effect from December 31
1979, Volunteer Holdings will
change its name to Charterhouse
Japhet Credit. The trading companies within Volunteer. Volunteer
Finance, Volunteer Credit and
County Credit Finance, will
become Charterhouse Japhet
Finance. Volunteer Leasing will
change its name to Charterhouse
Japhet Leasing.

DUPLE INTERNATIONAL

DUPLE INTERNATIONAL
Chairman reports in his annual
statement that the board expects a further increase in profit in 1979-80.



Annual General Meeting

ERIC SOSNOW REPORTS...

INCREASED PROFITS Group trading profits £3,382,000 (from £2,571,000) - a 20% increase.

INCREASED DIVIDENDS

The total net dividend for the year amounts to 1.937p per share including a special dividend of 0.537p-two and a half times last year's.

INCREASED BONUS

To reflect the continuing strength of the Group the Directors recommended this year a further bonus issue of one for seven Ordinary shares.

OUTLOOK

"Judging by the management reports for the first four months and by the value of the order book I am confident that subject to unforeseen circumstances we shall have another successful year"



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gers—JOHN GOVETT & CO. LTD. /ear summary of results

Per Share Asset Value including 100%
Per Share Currency Dividend Premium 0.96p 54.7p
1.10p 62.6p 1.50p 78.9p
1.70p 87.3p 2.20p 86.8p

5 from Mr. C. Alan McLintock's review

North America 18.9%

net asset value was scarcely changed over a year in parkets fluctuated substantially. In London, the Allnariest fluctuated substantially. In London, the Allndex rose 11.6 per cent and its equivalent on Wall
rose 6.6 per cent in dollar terms. However, 1978/79
ear for British investors to stay in their own market,
he pound appreciated from \$1.97 to \$2.19 and the
tent currency premium fell from 40 per cent to 15 per
the American index is adjusted for currency and m, it shows a fall of 216 per cent.

rust enjoyed a substantial increase in revenue, whilst per share have risen by nearly 31 per cent. This part, due to exceptional increases in U.K. ds resulting from the ending of dividend restraint. earnings of 2.39p, the Board recommend total ds of 2.20p, compared with 1.70p last year. An onal dividend of 0.35p, payable as a special interim a year to 30th September, 1980, has also been

commitment to manufacturing industry and to us in the U.K. has been reduced and we have built energy sector of our portfolio world-wide, but he in North America where most apportunities. We retain our faith in Japan and the Pacific area. ognize that the short-term outlook there also is poor. far as this is consistent with the continuing rise in c and dividends which we believe remains of unt concern to shareholders.

The Eleco

Group

Construction

and Engineering

Year ended 30th June, 1979.

★ Dividends up by 50%.

more settled."

Points from the Statement by the

Chairman, Mr. Frank Webster, for

Turnover up by 34% to £16.7m.

Pre-tax Profits up by 49.5% to a new record of £1.66m.

* "The Group is well equipped to

when the situation becomes

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will be in a commanding

face short term pressures and

position in its specialised fields

Martin the Newsagent at £3.3m

By Rosemary Unsworth Martin the Newsagent has the £4m mark which the market expected.
Turnover rose by 12 per cent

to £85.8m, while pre-tax profits gained 6 per cent to £3.36m in the year to September 30, 1979.

With the sale of its uneconomic branches continuing

36 have been sold or closed
this year—the group is planning to buy some established
stores, fit out 12 new sites and

stores, fit out 12 new sites and redevelop six existing branches. Martin now has nearly 500 shops, compared with NSS's 400.

Mr J. B. H. Martin, chairmen, said that total sales for the ten weeks to December 9, 1979, showed a 13 per cent increase over the same period last year.

The group has also sold its former head office and ware-house in London for 5640,000

house in London for £640,000 in the current year.

The second quarter of the year had been "very frustrating" for the group because of newspaper strikes and the transport dispute although a good Christmas helped to offset some of the problems.

A final dividend of 7.48p gross is proposed. gross is proposed, compared with 6.760 last year, making a total of 12.1p, against 11.3p.

Disputes cost Lucas £20m in profits

The Engineering dispute earlier this year will cost one of Britain's biggest manufacturing groups, Lucas Industries, £20m in profits in the current financial year, according to the chairman, Sir Bernard Scott.

At the annual meeting, he expressed concern at the expressed concern at the pattern of disruption which had hir the engineering industry in recent years. The trade unions, he said, risked being identified as a regressive, rather than a progressive, force in British industry.

Deablance of maintaining un-

Problems of maintaining uninterrupted production, to-gether with the continuing weak-ness of the United Kingdom market, cast something of a shadow over the company's satisfaction at seeing its sales exceed £1bn for the first time, 'Sir. Bernard said. Pre-tax profit for the past year was £70.74m.

While Lucas's overseas sales continued to expand, having tripled in the past five years, a strong United Kingdom sales and volume base remained vital to the company's competitive-ness, he said. For the third year running the affairs of our company have been disrupted in the most major way by fac-tors that in large measure have been outside the control of the company and most of its mem-

"In 1977 we had the tool-"In 1977 we had the tool-makers" strike which was con-cerned with the principle of maintaining the national wages policy. Last year we had the long Ford strike and much dis-ruption at BL, followed by the hauliers' damaging dispute in January " said Sir Bernard.



the 1979 results making the Group's jubilee year a real cause for celebration with profit before tax totalling £17.5m, more than two and a half times last year's figure. * Burton made an outstanding comeback after ex-

tensive modernisation and reorganisation, regaining market leadership and increasing the chain's scope for further success.

* Top Man, a new addition to the Group, was highly profitable and will be expanded by 25% in the coming year.

* Both sales and profits increased by almost 30% in the womenswear divisions with Top Shop making a major contribution.

* The acquisition of Dorothy Perkins accelerated the drive into the womenswear market.

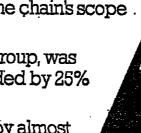
* Ryman's move into the home products area resulted in good progress for these shops.

of quality continued to improve at all factories.

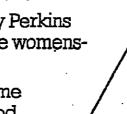
£5 per share.

profit sharing allocation.

All sectors of the Burton Group contributed record profits to





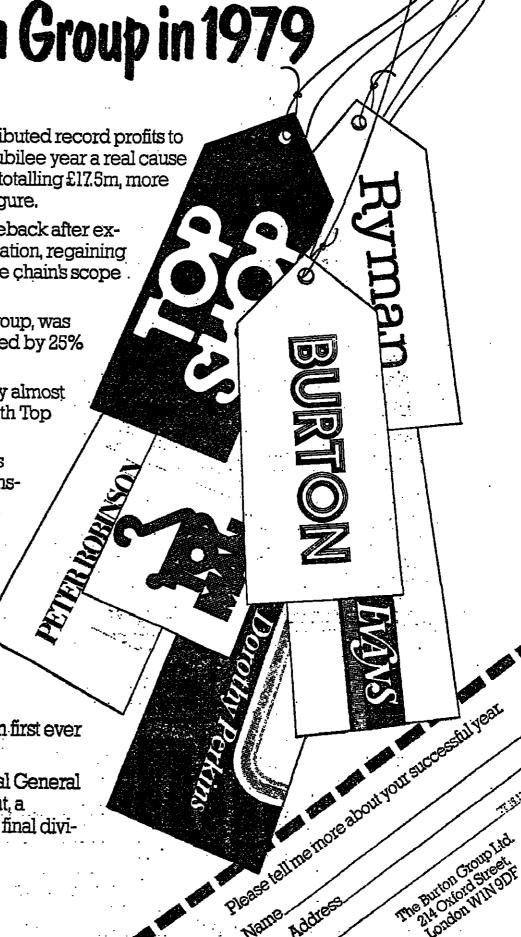


* Productivity and the level

* Property assets are now valued at

* Over 4,000 employees benefit from first ever

Board recommendations at the Annual General Meeting will include enfranchisement, a one-for-one capitalisation issue and a final dividend of 7p per share (10p for year).



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Sir Oliver Chesterton highlights

the influence on our business of high and rising levels of interest rates."

Addressing shareholders at the 132nd Annual General Meeting of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, the Chairman, Sir Oliver Chesterton, MC, FRICS, highlighted the dilemma faced by the Society in times when Minimum Lending Rate is used as the main tool of monetary policy. "On the one hand, we cannot chase rates up, bearing in mind the effect of a substantial increase on our existing borrowers." he said. "On the other hand, we need to offer a reasonable and competitive rate to investors, to try and ensure an adequate flow of funds for new mortgages." He reminded shareholders that MLR had changed five times in the past year, whereas the Society altered its own rate structure upwards - only twice. "Obviously, therefore, our investment rates, though generally competitive, were not at all times the best available."

"The increase in investors balances at almost £315m was £20m up on 1978, and 312,000 new investment accounts were opened with the Society."

The introduction of three new classes of term shares made a significant contribution to the flow of receipts. The net flow of savings, together with capital repaid on mortgages of almost £200m, enabled the Society to lend £490m to home buyers. This was £8m more than last year, although the number of loans, 39,000, was 6,600 less, a direct result of the substantial increase in house prices over the year. Assets increased by £343m, and membership of the Society by no less than 182,000 people.

"We cannot isolate our business from the predicament of the economy generally."

That predicament is extremely tense and unhappy, observed Sir Oliver. "In order just to keep up in the home loans field in today's circumstances. we require a considerable increase in investment receipts, which must be gained against the competition not just of other institutions, not least the Government, but also against rising prices and living costs. We have to keep attracting more investments even to maintain, let alone increase, our number of mortgage advances." From the first of next month, he pointed out, borrowers will be charged the highest rate in the Society's history -15%, whilst investing members will receive the highest rate of interest ever paid. The share account rate, for example, is broadly competitive with the Clearing Banks and National Savings, and Sir Oliver expressed the hope that it will continue to be competitive for some time yet.

"We shall continue to keep our range of investment facilities under review so that the terms we offer are relevant and attractive."

"Forecasting is difficult at the best of times." said Sir Oliver, "particularly in these extremely uncertain times." He could not see the situation regarding the supply of mortgage finance improving in the short term. "It begins to look as though the year will be a hard one, but I believe

our policies will enable us to come through it with credit, given the continued support of our staff and

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electrical division provides recovery

- Electrical Division surges ahead to provide more than 50% of Group profits.
- Bearings perform creditably, in difficult conditions.
- Fasteners recover, with a record year for sales and profits.
- Overseas sales approximately one third of total.
- A good year for overseas subsidiaries.
- Current trading conditions firm with a strong order book; prepared to meet difficulties as they arise.

Salient Figures

Dividends per share

52 weeks to September 28, 1979 1978 1979 £000 98,417 Sales 88,388 Profit before tax 5,268 3,801 Profit available for Ordinary Dividends 3,856 1,873

Earnings per share 13.3p 6.9pTo: The Assistant Secretary, Resource Fightmann Pollard Limited, P.O. Box 7, New Street, Chelmsford,

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Competition slowing up Crown House

Crown House saw profits growth slip in the first half year thanks to stiffer competition which is set to continue. On turnover up by 34.5 per

cent to £64.9m, pretax profits rose by only 14 per cent to £1.68m in the six months to September 30. Most of the profits increase was contributed by electrical distributor, Best and May, acquired earlier this year. But, Mr P. Edge-Partington, chairman, said that Best and

in the group, was fighting to maintain margins. Large export orders were anticipated. The United Kingdom electrical and engineering contracting operations suffered from a general fall in work which shows signs of continuing into

May, like all the other divisions

next year. "There has been no sign of an upturn—in fact there could be even more of a downturo ", Mr Edge-Partington said Overseas activities were

"fairly buoyant" in the first half-year but the political and commercial climate in the Middle East is becoming less favourable, he added Glassware profits have also been hit by competition, a factor which is now also affecting Crown's employment agencies as recruit ment declines with the onser of recession. The property divi-sion, now playing an increasingly less significant role in group activity, turned in a use-ful contribution.

The interim dividend rises from 3p to 3.2p, and the chairman said that the year's profit should exceed 1978's record £4m if engineering contract comple-tion dates are achieved as

British Vita offers £4m for Vita-Tex

but on the relisting yesterday, morning the price bounced up by 45p to 116p.

The £4m bid is recommended.

by the Vita-Tex board and associates who between them own or control nearly 64 per cent of the shares. Also included in the details April 1980.
of the offer is a buy-back transaction which allows certain deal between

By Baron Phillips price of £485,000 has been British Vita, the rubber and plastics group has made his and company and llas the long awaited bid for the knitting approval of British Vita company Vita Tex. The offer is Shareholders of Vita Tex are worth £4.18m and values the offered three choices. They can take three ordinary 250 British. They were suspended a vita shares and £8.50 Guaranmonth ago ween discussions teed Unsecured Loan Motes, were held between the two shares and £8.50 cash; or £12 suspension the shares were Zip cash.

guaranteed by merchant ban-ker's N. M. Rothschild & Sons and will bear interest at the National Westminster seven days withdrawal nonice rare. The notes may be redeemed at holder's option from the end of

Also included in the buy-back-deal between Vita-Tex and some rd f4m Vita-Tex directors in acquire of its directors, apart from the comple some of the company's proper property assets, will be the compend as ties which are not germane to pany's 49 per cent stake in its mainstream activities. A Big J Clothing.

A. Cohen nearly trebles in first half

manufacturer of non-ferrous alloys, saw profits almost treble in the first half year in spitie of an earlier warning that 1979 would be difficult. Turnover rose from £11.76m to £16.2m and pretax profits soared from £327,000 to soared from £327,000 to 5942,000 in the six months to September 30. The board said that it expects profits for the second half not to be less than those of the first. Last year the

group made a £1.96m profit. The share price rose a few pence to 263p.

Mr Robert Cohen, chairman, pointed out that in view of the proposed disposal of part of the group's 61.8 per cent interest in its South African subsidiary Metal Sales Company (Proprietary), only the profits relative to its remaining 24 per cent have been included in the £147,000 share of profits from

associates.
An interim dividend of 2.35p gross has been declared com-pared with last year's 3.2p gross. Earnings per share have jumped from 1.54p to 18.15p.

Cons Gold's search

reveals no buvers After a searching scrutiny of its share register Consolidated Gold Fields has been unable to identify a single major buyer of its stock. Gold Fields' share price has risen 50n in about a month to close last night at 378p amid speculation of heavy buying preparatory to a bid, perhaps from

South Africa.

But Gold Fields' survey is believed to have uncovered no major new holder or increase in existing holdings. On the

Business appointments

Sir John Read

chief at Thorn

becomes deputy

Sir John Read and Mr V. B. Menon have been made additional directors of Thorn Electrical In-

Mr Simon Payton has been ap-nointed director of The British Non-Ferrous Metals Federation, the trade association representing the United Kingdom copper and copper alloy semi-manufacturing industry.

marketing director of Wysepower Mr Colin Marshall joins th United Kingdom board of Beeka

director.

Mr Hugh Wilson has been made sales director of Rellance-Mercury.

Mr Gordon Scott has been appointed chairman of Chryoda Fire and Marine Insurance (UK) in sur-

pointed chairman of Chiyoda Ffrand Marine Insurance (UK) in surcession to Mr T. Tejima, chair man of the parent company, who continues as a director.

Mr Michael Summers, marketing director of Nickersons See Specialists, becomes managing director of the Nickerson agricultural contains and processing directors.

director of the Nickerson agricultural seeds interests in France.

Mr Trevor Wey has joined the
board of Skandia Life Assurance
as technical director.

Mr Ronald King, managing
director of the housing division of
Tarmac, is the new president of
the House-Builders Federation.

Mr R. V. Jones is to become
managing director of Guinness Peat
International.

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Mr P. A. Moore has been made a director of Telephone Rentals.

Mr J. A. Dixon joins the board of John Plumer. He is chairman of Blackfriars Brokers, a subsidiary of Uniter.

Mr Peter Edwards has taken over the chairmanship of Lake & Efflot from Mr Peter Lake. Mr Lake has resigned from the board and becomes life president.

Mr P. A. Smurfit has been appointed chairman of Smurfit, United Kingdom subsidiary of the Jefferson Smurfit Group. He succeeds Mr F. S. Hayes who has retired.

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Mr J. V. Carr becomes managing director of Simen-Vicars.

Mr John Mays has joined Grindlay Brandts Insurance Brokers as director responsible for group offices in the Middle East and Far East.

Mr Derek Crouch becomes a director of the principal companies of Norwich Union Insurance.

parties of Norwich Union I mce. Mr Stephen Mogford has

one interpretation is that investors believe Gold Fields to be undervalued. That, combined with long-term bolders taking profits, has created a market more open than usual. Record gold prices have also helped.

Helene of London buys Harold Lee

The takesver by Helene of London Ltd of Haroid Lee has been completed. A payment of £500,000 on account has been made—£200,000 cash and the balance in 1.07m ordinary.

The Industrial and Commer-The Industrial and Commer-cial Finance Corporation has exercised its option, approved by shareholders on January 30, 1975, to subscribe at par for Im ordinary 10p shares in Helene. ICPC now holds 1,96m ordinaries in Helene—10.8 per cent of the enlarged capital. The proceeds of subscription have been applied in reduction of Helene's loan from ICFC, the balance of £38,000 having been

County & District in

strong position with rental and management income for the half-year to september 30 up from £462,000 before the end of the year to £493,000, the board of Gounty and District Properties is lifting the interim payment, gross, from 0.48p (adjusted) to First-half results up 0.83b. With rental and management

The amount available for distribution, before tax, is up from £292,000 to £309,000. The board

Half-time rise of 31 pc at Dom

Following the best-ever profits of £1.3m pre-tax made in 1978-79 further progress is reported by the Dom Holdings fixing products concern.

With turnover 22 per cent up at 17.05m, profits, before tax, rose by 31 per cent to 1704,000 in the half-year to September 30. Dom's board explains that the improvement in net margins reflects the continued investment in machinery and tooling and the containment of overheads. In the second half, trading in the main areas is satisfactory. The interim payment is being lifted from 2.67p.

Decca in talks with PolyGram

to 281p gross.

Talks have started between Decca and the PolyGram Group on the sale of certain of the recording and music publishing activities of Decca. However, it will not be possible, as was previously indicated, to hold, an extraordinary general meeting of Decca's ordinary share of Decra's ordinary share holders for the purposes of approving proposed disposals before the end of the year, A.

at Estates & Agency

At Estates and Agency Holdings, turnover (net rents re-ceivable) for the first half of 1979 rose from £70,000 to: expects further improvement in ceivable) for the first half of the second half. County's 1979 rose from £70,000 to-financial position remains very £97,000. Pre-tax profits are up

is a loss of £6,000 on the sale of freehold property, compared with nil last year. The figures include the results of Molyneur. Securities (Charing Cross) and Axeel House Property for three months to June 30.

Record predicted by Kennedy Smale

Record profits are expected Record profits are expected for the current year at the Bilston-based engineering firm of Kennedy Smale. Although sales dropped from £1.51m to £1.41m in the six months to September 30, pre-tax profits rose from £244,000 to £337,000. In addition, there is an extra ordinary credit of £98,000 before tax, on the sale of a factory. In spite of the unpromising outlook for the national economy, the board expects group progress to be maintained and the year's profits to top 1978-79's peak. Meanwhile, the interim payment is being taised from 1.31p to 1.4p gross and the board intends to pay a total for the year of 40 gross, against 30 gross last time.

Barratt to buy Scottish Homes

Newcastle-based Barratt Developments is to make a 48pashare cash bid for Scottish Homes Investment. The offer, which has the backing of SHI directors and other shareholders representing 52.6 per cent of the capital, values the company at 13.36m. Agreement has also been reached in the dishas also been reached in the disposal of two SHI subsidiaries, R. L. Rae and John Kelly & Son, to International Calcoon-

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which may be difficult to achieve.

At the present it is too early to forecast the evenue for the current year, but it is expected that

he rate of dividend will be at least maintained.,

Gold

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RKL count THE TIMES TUESDAY DECEMBER 18 1979 23 'RKET REPORTS Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds Dec - Dec 1978-79 High Law Life Offer Tress Wall Street GAN Corp Gemble Stogme Gem Dynamics Gen Electric Gen Frach Gen Allectric Gen Frach Gen Mitter Gen Mitter Gen Mitter Gen Tel Elec Gen Tel Elec Gen Tel Elec Gen Tel Genter Genter Georgia Pacific tictity Oil Tallecte Georgia Pacific Could Jac Grace tank of England gave help ry large scale to relieve a of funds in the discount New York, Dec 17.—The stock market railed in heavy trading today but backed off late in the session as investors grew cautious of what Opec might do at the Caracas meeting. Energy shares again dominated investor interest and institutional participation was evident in the volume and number of large block trades. The Dow Jones industrial average rose two points to 844.62 and advances led declines nine to seven on volume of 43,000,000 shares, up from the 41,890,000 traded on Friday. yesterday. Houses sold a uantity of Treasury bills small number of local y bills to the Bank, and six houses also borrowed sum overnight at MLR cent). conditions had been well bed for this week, since talation is now mounting as the Christmas spending ets into full swing and x falls due for payment Revenue. These were cer-major factors against Record silver highs aly offsetting factor was net figure for maturing Bills, Bank balances had Teledame Tenneco Tenne ey Market em Lid, 0206 5%;; 65 8 69 1 634 4:1 43 1 9 86 Canadian Pr. Ahuibi Alcan Alumin Alcana Aleei Bell Telephone Combos Comb metal stocks in London Metal e official warehouses at of last week (all in tonnes-liver) were: Copper down 127,150; Tid down 235 to ead down 425 to 18,250; 750 to 42,650; Aluminium 50 to 10,700; Nickel up 442; Silver up 590,000 to 0 troy ounces. nt issues **Commodities** 75.9 92.1 ank Base Copper demand Rates expected to stay Bank 17° 'at good level' lays Bank ... 17% Bank ... 17% olidated Crdts 17% Paris, Dec 17.—Leading French copper manufacturer Trefimetaux said it expects demand for semifinished products to remain at a good level at least until the end of March, possibly until june, and then to slow down in the second half of next year. In a copper industry study, Trefimetaux said it is more moderate in its outlook than the majority of analysts who see a very mediocre year in 1980. It added 1979 has been a good year for European manufacturers, noting demand for refined copper rose 4 per cent against a 1.2 per cent increase last year, although worldwide demand rose only 3 per cent, against 5.8 per cent in 1978. Trefimetaux said 1979 world Service of the form form of the control of the cont pare & Co ... *17 is Bank 17 on Mercantile 17% and Bank Nestminster . 174 minster ams and Glyn's 17% day deposit on sums of .000 and under $15^{\circ}e$, up £25.000 $15^{\circ}e^{\circ}e$, over .000 $15^{\circ}e^{\circ}e$. Trefimetaux said 1979 world demand for refined copper will be around 9.8m tontes against 9.5m in 1978. In the western world demand is put at around 7.4m against 7.29m. Western world commercial J. H. Nightingale & Co. 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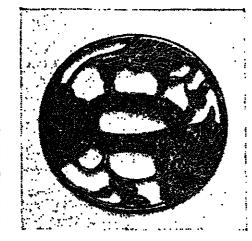
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9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News.

6:30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headings. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

11.05 Play: The Hitch.† 11.35 Still Small Voices (4).

12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours, 12.20 Down Your Way.

12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One,

1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Muther.

5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 Just a Minute.†

3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Men at Arms (Concl.)†
4.10 Bookshelf.
4.40 Preview.
4.43 Story: The Haunted Cellar.
5.00 PM.

6.30 Just a Minute.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.30 Crossing Lines: School-children's poetry.†
8.05 In Touch.
8.30 The Magic of Music.†
9.15 A Sideways Look.
9.30 Kaledoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 The Hornblower Story (4).†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.

7.50 am Regional news, weather, 7.50 Regional news, weather, 5.50 pm Regional news, weather, 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Por aqui.

1.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

11.35 Sounding Off.

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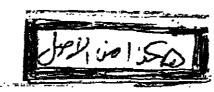
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her two weeks and the International Year of the Child ldd, then, that after vast stretches of 1979 in which on largely ignored the special nature of the year, the weeks should have brought a mass of child-inspired weeks should have brought a mass of child-nispired nmes. We have just seen the four-part Year of the Child rom ATV and the BBC television play Katie.

w, just as the year comes panting up to the finishing e BBC presents three documentaries under the umbrella Rind of Childrood, the first of which is screened tonight ,7.20). John and Friends establishes the style for all rogrammes: a child, deprived of a normal family life, out the world as he sees it. The cameraman takes his n the child and not the other way round. John, 11, to awareness of the camera and the BBC were lucky to He is in local authority care, living in a home with ther children from broken homes. He turns interviewer. out how privileged children's lives compare with his own.
he puts the questions an adult might feel too inhibited
Gravely, the replies come back. This experiment in children on the same wavelength, usually a risky , works admirably in the case of John and Friends.

is some bunching of related programmes elsewhere ision tonight. This is prizewinners night with a uce. Nationwide (BBC 1, 5.55) announces the results nual new carol competition. More than 2,000 entries, rools, have been whittled down to nine, and we shall of them, sung by the submitting choirs, in Coventry al. On BBC 2 (8.10) we shall learn who has won le's award for the best rescue archaeology project, and ething of the work of the six finalists—from excavations nano-British cemetery near Dunstable to clearin gcaves te streets of Nottingham, Magnus Magnusson (who ves anything away on Mastermind) will present the might. ITV's contribution to awards night will be a ur devoted to the best coordinated sets of limbs ld Disco Dancing Championship. Julia Brown will or Britain ITV, 7.30).

inching up on radio. In a very varied day, I recommend Call (Radio 4, 9.05 am) on ghosts, with ghost-hunter regory taking part in what should be a spirited phone in, live broadcast from the London Coliseum of Handel's ilius Caesar (Radio 3, 7.00).

HE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; * BLACK AND WHITE; EAT.

Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Davalle

TELEVISION

BBC 1 12.45 News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: The programme's resident experts give advice on legal, financial and medical matters. 1.45 Bagposs: story of an old cloth cat (r. Closedown at 2.00). 3.25 Dechrau Slared: Weish 3.55 Play School: the story of Down the Hill (from Frog and Toad All Year).

4.20 Secret Squirrel: cartoon. Ship

of Spies.

4.20 Jackanory: Spike Milligan reads part 1 of John Antrobus's story Help I I'm a Prisoner in a Toothpaste Factory.

4.40 Animal Magic: Santa Claus visits the studio, with real reindeer. Also, a magician. Paul Damiels, who works with animals—and not only rabbits. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel. 5.10 The Record Breakers : Rov

10.05 am Business World: What went wrong at British Leyland?
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11.0 Play School: same as BBC1,
3.55. Closedown at 11.25
4.10 A Taste of Work: The advantages that colleges offer to those who would otherwise be school-leavers (r). Closedown at 4.35.
5.40 Laurel and Hardy: Towed in a Hole.* Stauley and Oliver renovate a boat and smash up a car. Somewhat pedestrian.
6.00 Animation at Cambridge: short subjects by British animators. Last in the series.

tors. Last in the series. 6.15 Grange Bill: comprehensive school stories. Tomight is the last one. Term, appropriately, is end-

9.30 am Clapperboard: Chris Kelly goes to Pinewood Studios, on the set of Disney's The Spaceman and

9.55 To the Wild Country: wintry

small town American series, usually heart-tugging.

11.35 To the Top: the building of Toronto's 1,815ft tower—the world's taalest free-standing struc-

11.55 The Bubblies: cartoon. The

Rainy Day. 12.00 Simon in the Land of Chalk

Drawings: two stories for children. 12.10 pm Stepping Stones: the

subject is goats.

12 30 The Sullivans: Australian family stories, set the last war.

1.00 News: with Peter Sissons.

1.20: Thames News.

American series.

scenes in northern Canada. 10.45 Little House on the Prairie:

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King Arthur.

BBC 2

as usual, is in the chair and reply-ing to the audience's questions are: Neil Kinnock, MP, Bel Mooney, Dr Num visus the studio,

5.40 News: with Angela Rippon.

5.55 Nationwide: Results of this year's carol competition. All nine finalists will have their entries sung in Coventry Cathedral 1see.

Personal Choice!

7.00 Rolf Barris's Carloon Time: Includes Daify Duck and The Pups'.

Christmas. John Rae and Norman St John Stevas. 11.45 News Headlines, and weather. Regions

Christmas.
7.30 Film: Gawzin and the Green
Knight (1973) British made film:
version of the anonymous early
medieval poem. Magical goings-on.
With Murray Head, Claran Madden.

9.00 News: with Richard Baker.

9.25 Time Express. Last instalment of this ridiculous American TV series about a train that takes people back into their past. Vincent Price and Coral Browne, the railway hosts, have been pitiful to watch.

10.15 Mainstream: last of the present series of arts programmes, Unless a drastic reappraisal is made of the show's format, it would be best not to have a second series.

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1.30 About Britain: I Think We'll Call You Georgie Fame, At home with the popular music maker.
2.60 After Noon Plus: Four people explain what Christmas means to them. They are key Kelly, the terminal cancer case who last Christmas was given a few weeks

terminal cancer case who last Christmas was given a few weeks to live; Keith Castle, the heart transplatt man; actor Alec McCowen, and northern comedian Mike Harding. 2.45 The Love Boat: luxury liner

story. 3.45 Look Who's Talking: Singer

Vince Hill talks about his career to Derek Batey. 4.15 Get it Together: pop music

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4.45 Magpie: the long-running children's magazine.

5.15 Star Gardens: What is growing in Roy Castle's garden in Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

6.45 News. 6.00 Thames News.

6.25 Help! Joan Shenton's infor-

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6.40 Cricket: Action from the fourth day of the first Test between Australia and England. clude two other women who have also extended their range—Patricia Hayes and Avril Elgar. 9.45 Man Alive: One of the Family.

on earth, Champion race borse Red 10.45 Question Time: Robin Day

7.10 News: with subritles for the bard of heating.
7.20 A Klud of Childhood: John and Friends. New series in which the narration is done by children who are the subjects of the films. (See Personal Curdice.)
8.10 Chronicle: Digging for Resource The award presentation cere-9.45 Man Alive: One of the Family.
Profiles of three people—a nanny.
a house carpenter, a silver
steward—who have faithfully
served some of Britain's blueblooded families for many years.
An excellent theme, very pleasantly handled. santy nanced.

18.49 Floodlit Rugby League: The final of this year's BBC2 Floodlit Rugby League Trophy. Highlights introduced by Richard Duckenfield, with Eddie Waring providing a.10 curonicie: Digging for Rescue. The award presentation ceremony for the winner of Chronicle's prize for the best rescue archaeology project of 1979. Six finalists (see Personal Choice). the commentary. 11.30 News and weather. 9.00 Beryl Reid: Comedy sketches and songs, featuring this former comedienne who can now turn her hand to any role. Her guests in-

11.45 Closedown: Robert Frost's poem Departmental, read by David Markham.

mation spot. 6.35 Chartie's Angels: Angels on
the Street. Women crime busters.
7.30 World Disco Dancing Championship live from the Empire
Ballroom, Lcicester Square, London (see Personal Choice).
8.30 George and Mildred: comedy
series. Tonight: an heirloom from
China.
9.00 World in Action Special:
The last white Christmas? About

The last white Christmas? About Rhodesia, of course, with an interview with lan Smith, farmers Grampian

vision movie with Tony Curtis as a falling star of Hollywood with one last chance to shine. Also starring Jaclyn Smith, Red Buttons and Joan Fontaine. 12.35 am Close: Another reading, by Andrew Cruickshank, from Through the Year with J. B. Phil-lips.

and Patriotic Front leaders. 10.80 News. 10.30 Film: The Users (1978). Tele-

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7.05 (thf only) Records: Avison, Mozart, Beethoven (Sym 1).;

8.05 (thf only) Records: Arnold, Vanghan Williams, Mozart,

10.05 Soprano (Manning): Brahms, Maconchy, Tchaikovsky.†

10.50 Soprano : Fauré, Warlock,

11.45 String quartet: Haydn (op 64

no 31.†
12.05 pm BBC Welsh SO Segal: Sibelius, Prokofiev (Vla Conc. 1).†

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1.20 BBCWSO: Tchaikovsky (Manfred).†
2.25 New Vienna Octet: Wolf, Mozart (Clar Quint).†
3.10 Interval reading.
3.15 Octet: Schubert (D803).†
4.15 Piano: Debussy.†
4.55 Jazz Today.†
5.25 Homeward Bound.†
5.45 News.
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5.00 am News, weather. 5.04 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Ray Moore.† 10.04 Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm Wag-goners Walk. 12.30 Pete Murray.†

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6.55 Weather.

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Place. Present address: Kull
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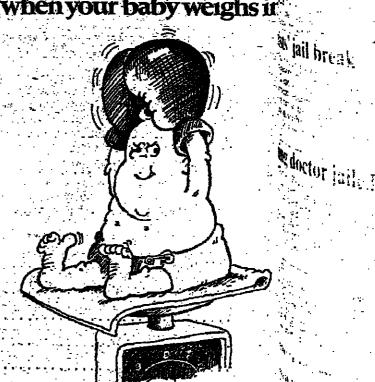
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